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Local soldiers with 201st Eng. Bn. bound for Afghanistan

Local soldiers who are members of the Kentucky National Guard's 201st Engineer Battalion will be bound for Afghanistan after completing further training for their mission in the war against terror, according to Kentucky Adjutant General Edward W. Tonini.

The soldiers, from the Prestonsburg, Ashland, Olive Hill, and Cynthiana armories are being mobilized for support roles under Operation Enduring Freedom.

More than 450 soldiers, commanded by Lt. Col. Michael Ferguson, the 201st Engineer Battalion began training February 9 at the Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center in Greenville, Ky.

Before reporting for training at the facility in western Kentucky, the local soldiers had been undergoing additional firearms and demolition training at Fort Knox. In Greenville, the local soldiers will be joined by members of a National Guard unit based in Baton Rouge, La.

In early March, the 201st will move to Ft. McCoy, Wis., for approximately two months of additional mission-related training prior to deployment to Afghanistan where the unit's primary mission will be road clearing and construction, removing obstacles and ensuring main supply routes remain open.

Members of the 201st have previously been deployed as part of Operation Noble Eagle, as well as assisting with disaster relief in New Orleans and other areas impacted by hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Impt. Farmers Mkt. meet February 25; enrollment date set

The Morgan County Farmers Market will have its first meeting Monday, Feb. 25, a 5:00 p.m. in the basement of the County Extension Service Office. The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested in selling garden vegetables and fruit for the 2008 season is urged to attend. New enrollments for the Morgan County Farmers Market will be open from Feb. 25-April 28. Anyone interested in becoming a member must do so at the market meeting. For more information, contact Karen Wright at 606-522-3758 after 6:00 p.m. or Wanda Hamilton at 606-522-4527.

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Water main break leaves parts of city, county without water Friday through most of Sunday



Detected about 11:00 a.m. Friday, this break in 12-inch water main left the city's storage tank empty



City and county workers began the job of replacing the broken pipe immediately and were able to begin refilling storage tank Saturday evening.



Pumping was interrupted again about 4:30 a.m. Sunday when another leak developed in the main that runs beneath the river. Divers summoned from Louisville, above and at right, along with city workers and employees of Risner Construction Co., which brought an excavator, managed to replace the broken pipe and pumping resumed after 4:00 a.m. Monday.



County's volunteer fire departments manned water station for residents on Main Street throughout the day Saturday and remained on standby in case of fire.

Some areas still without water on Tuesday; Fortunately there were no fires; officials say crisis was a learning experience

Two major breaks in the main transmission line supplying water to West Liberty's from its treatment plant at Cave Run Lake—one last Friday morning and another late Saturday—left most city residents and many county water customers without water throughout the weekend.

Both breaks were eventually repaired, but some city residents in high-lying neighborhoods and many county water customers remained without water through much of Tuesday.

A boil water advisory remains in effect for all city and county water customers until further notice.

Schools throughout the county were dismissed at 1:30 p.m. on Friday to conserve water and remained closed Monday due to the line break. Schools remained closed on Tuesday and Wednesday due to slick road conditions, but press time were scheduled to resume on Thursday, pending weather conditions. A spokesperson in the Superintendent's Office said schools have ample supplies of safe bottled drinking water on hand to meet student needs.

The line break was discovered by

West Liberty Water Plant Superintendent Brandon Bailey about 11:00 a.m. Friday shortly after he started filling the city storage tank on Johnson Hill. When it became evident that the tank was losing not gaining water, crews were dispatched and detected the break on the west side of the river near the Shiloh Trailer Court where a 20-foot section of river bank had washed away during recent high water, exposing the 12-inch main at the point where the line crosses the river. By 11:30 a.m., the city storage tank was empty.

City workers, joined by county employees, worked throughout the day and until late afternoon to replace the pipe and shore up the river bank. A county road department excavator was brought in to assist with the work. Refilling of the storage tank resumed but was halted about 4:30 a.m. Saturday when another section of the pipe underlying the river blew out.

Divers from Louisville were then summoned to the scene to locate and replace the broken pipe. Impeding divers' work in the dangerous current

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Bleak outlook for county road monies aired at meet

By Miranda Cantrell James

During its regular meeting on Feb. 5, the Morgan County Fiscal Court heard a budget report from County Treasurer Tommy Phipps, who said the county's changing coal production status will result in limited coal severance financial aid.

"Morgan County's status has changed from 'coal producing' (coal being mined) to 'coal impact,' (no coal being produced)" Phipps said. "This means our economic assistance money will be reduced quite a bit, and the state requires that it all go into the road fund. We could be looking at a \$50,000 shortage in the general fund. That would hurt us badly, as the budget was slim to begin with."

Phipps noted that the status may be changed back to "coal producing" next quarter if coal mining operations begin in eastern Morgan County as is being

planned.

The treasurer also discussed the county's current financial dilemma, including a shortage of road monies in the road fund for gravel road maintenance.

"We have \$65,000 in the reserve fund for transfers," Phipps said. "But that may not be a realistic hard number as time goes on. If the cash doesn't come along to back up the reserve fund, it's useless. Things are tighter than we expected, and the situation is already pretty bleak."

(All interfund monies borrowed to replenish funds must be repaid to their original funds by the fiscal year's end.)

Judge Executive Tim Conley said funds to maintain the county's gravel roads are vital.

"This is the hardest time of the year to keep gravel on roads," Conley said. "We have several loads of gravel already on hold, and we have school bus turn-arounds that we are also obligated to maintain. Money is needed for the county to continue gravel road maintenance."

Following Conley's comments, court members voted unanimously to transfer \$20,000 to the road fund to purchase rock, as well as a total of \$5,000 for magistrate and judge executive conferences and training.

Lonnie Campbell and Tom Dobson, officials from the Governor's Office of Local Development (GOLD), were also on hand to hear Phipps's financial update.

"GOLD would like to commend the fiscal court for working hard on its budget," Campbell said.

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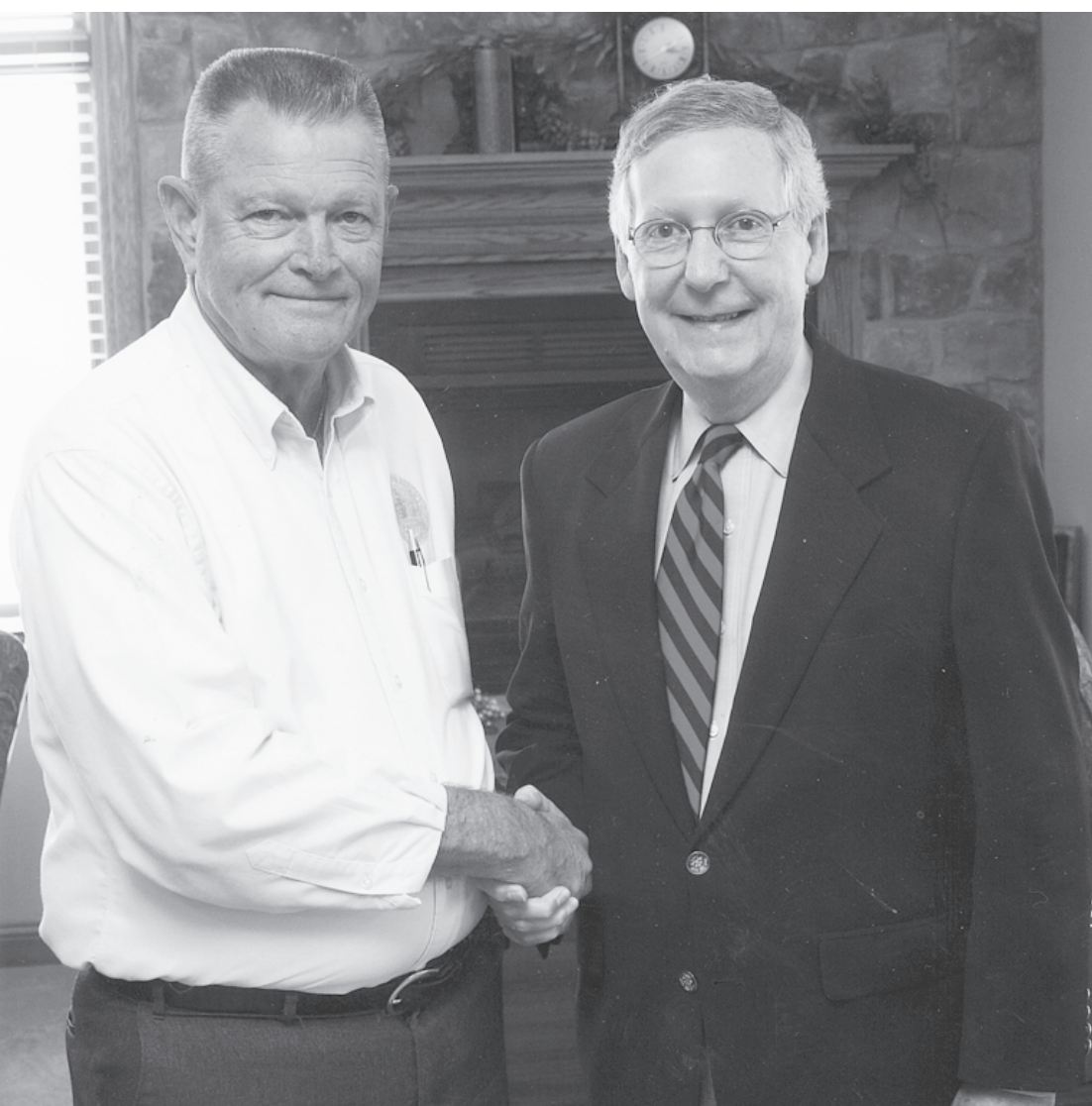
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Mayor Nickell Chats With U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell

West Liberty Mayor Bob Nickell, left, had the opportunity to chat with U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell, right, at a recent meeting in Morehead. Nickell and County Judge Executive Tim Conley were among a group of elected officials and others who attended the meeting to discuss plans and proposals for the area.

WEST LIBERTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Feb. 3 - Feb. 9

• If you see or have information on any criminal activity, we ask that you call us at 606-743-4385. We **do not want** your name, but we do want your information.

• The West Liberty Police Department will conduct traffic safety checkpoints in addition to moving patrols through the remainder of 2007.

Cases/Investigations Opened

- 1 Assault 4th degree
- 1 Domestic violence
- 1 Possession of marijuana
- 1 Leaving scene of an accident

Arrests

Christopher Hall 28 of West Liberty DUI, leaving the scene of an accident, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct (An arrest is not proof of guilt only that the individual was charged.)

- 8 Bench warrants
- 2 Alcohol intoxication in a public place
- 2 Disorderly conduct
- 1 DUI
- 1 Resisting arrest
- 1 Leaving the scene of an accident
- 1 Theft by unlawful taking over \$300

Citations issued – 25
Non-injury accidents — 3
Injury accidents — 0

E-911 Calls for Service

County Wide — 121
City — 49

Families of murdered men offer \$2,500 reward for info

The families of two men who were murdered in Elliott County last month are offering a \$2,500 reward for information that would lead to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

Robert E. Boggs, 36, was found dead on Jan. 2, at his Stark Ridge Road home in bed and in a pool of blood from a gunshot wound to his head. No firearm was found at the scene.

Boggs's roommate, Christopher A. Leadingham, 25, of Olive Hill, was found dead two days later in an illegal garbage dump off Carter Ford Road a few miles from the mens' residence. He was also shot in the head.

KSP Trooper Ralph Lockard recently told *The Morehead News* that police are investigating the double murder case, with KSP Det. Paul Lemaster currently interviewing people in the Elliott County area.

"I have talked with Det.

Lemaster and he is working on the case right now," Lockard commented to the newspaper. "He has done a lot of work on this and followed up on several interviews. But nothing has panned out so far and we don't have any suspects at this time."

A benefit to help with funeral expenses for the murdered men will take place 12 p.m. Monday, March 1, at Hayes Crossing Volunteer Fire Department in Rowan County. There will be live music until 2:30 p.m. with an auction to follow if enough donations are received. Admission is \$4 and foods will be sold separately.

To make a donation for the auction or a cash donation for the funeral expenses of Robert Boggs and Christopher Leadingham, call Paulette Boggs at 783-1634, Becky Messer at 356-8489, David Boggs at 738-6036, Earsel Boggs at 286-6396, Jamie Clay at 286-1643 or Madison Leadingham at 738-5348.

KSP conducting safety checkpoints in the Post 8 area

Capt. Dwayne Depp, commander of the Kentucky State Police at Morehead, recently announced that troopers of the Morehead post will be conducting safety checkpoints this month in addition to moving patrols throughout the post remainder of the year.

This concentrated enforcement effort will utilize members of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) in addition to other troopers assigned to Post 8. Emphasis will focus on enforcing violations of the speeding, seatbelt, child restraint and impaired driving laws as well as

other violations of the traffic laws of Kentucky.

The counties within the Post 8 area include Bath, Elliott, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe.

WORDS OF WISDOM

To wish to progress is the largest part of progress.

KCTCS board recommends tuition increase

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents last week voted to recommend to the Council on Postsecondary Education a \$4 increase in the in-state tuition rate.

The proposed rate of \$119 per credit hour would include fees and be effective beginning the 2008 summer term.

CPE's tuition policy allowed for KCTCS to increase tuition by

\$10 per credit hour for the 2007-08 year, but during the December 2006 KCTCS Board of Regents meeting the decision was made to keep tuition as low as possible by recommending only a \$6 increase.

The board also recommended to CPE a \$143 per credit hour tuition rate for out-of-state students from contiguous counties and a \$357 per credit hour rate for all other out-of-state students.

"We are essentially a victim of our own success," Bean said. "We have seen enrollment growth in excess of 79 percent since 1998 and have been able to manage without a sufficient increase in funding through operating efficiencies."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of \$27 dollars. I'm having the paper sent to my son and his wife, Kelli. They are stationed at Cheyenne Mountain in Colorado Springs, Co. The children say they are looking forward to enjoying the four seasons again, as they have been stationed in California and Florida for a few years.

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Thank you from the family of Nellie Jones



Nellie Jones and, back row, Sierra (l) and Reese Fannin (r).

On behalf of Nellie Jones and family, we would like to thank the people who helped her when her house had filled with smoke on January 28, 2008. We don't know where we would be if it weren't for her great-granddaughters, Sierra and Reese Fannin. When they got off the tutoring bus they were to go in her house, but could not get in. They looked in the window and saw smoke. They immediately went to the road to try and get help for her. After many cars had passed, Junior Barrett of Mountain Telephone stopped and called 911. We would like to thank him for seeing that some-

thing was wrong and coming to the rescue. We would like to thank the Ezel Blackwood Fire Department for responding so quickly, for always being the best at what they do and for caring about the people in their community; Melissa Davis and family and Ronald Cole and family for making sure that Sierra and Reese were OK. It is very gratifying to know that you taught your children to love their grandparents and great-grandparents and to get help when needed. Shelva Fannin, Tom Fannin, Johnnie and Esther Jones, Nellie Jones and the Jones Family (pd)

Growing at Grace

Pastor Mike Lindon and Brother Rufus Smith have returned from their annual trip to

the 22nd Pastor's Conference in Jacksonville, Florida. This is an opportunity for them to meet with other spiritual minds from all over the country and exchange



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Volzs Announce Birth Of A Son

Sean and Carrie (Adkins) Volz of Elsmere, Kentucky, are delighted to introduce their son, John Anthony, born on Thursday, December 20, at 4:12 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Edgewood, Kentucky. He weighed 7.4 ozs and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Anthony and Cassandra Adkins of West Liberty and John and Bonnie Volz of Milford,

Ohio. Maternal great-grandparents are Eula Mae and the late L.B. Adkins and Robert and the late Loretta May, all of West Liberty. Paternal great-grandparents are Reba and the late Gene Moren and the late John and Ruby Volz, all of Wichita, Kansas. "Behold, children are a gift of the Lord." — Psalms 127:3

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ideas and learn of new ways to minister to the world and their own church. It is a special time for them to have time to reflect and renew an intimate relationship with God that may dim at times because of the effect of the world. They could listen to such well-known preachers as Dr. Al Mohler, Dr. David Jeremiah, Junior Hill, Jonathan Falwell, the son of the late Jerry Falwell, and Dr. Ergen Caner from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, who with his brother, Emir, became the first former Muslim to lead an evangelical seminary, just to name a few speakers. They were offered approximately twenty-five seminars covering everything from pre-school ministry through missions ministry from which they could choose to attend.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the hundreds of people who were left homeless, lost loved ones and suffered devastation from the paths of destruction left by multiple tornadoes across several states including ours in the past week. Pastor Mike recruited Brother Von Hanshaw to bring the message in his absence. We feel really blessed to have Brother Hanshaw any time he can come to speak. He is a dynamic speaker and the fact that he is confined to a wheel chair adds, rather than detracts from, the power of his sermons. He is the director of Strike Force Prison Ministries, whose aim is to minister to all prisoners in Kentucky and expand, as God wills, to other states. He spoke passionately about seeing over 1500 prisoners receive sal-

vation through this ministry so far. Brother Hanshaw's Sunday morning message was about maintaining our Path to Peace. His message was; God is in control, He will meet all our needs, accept yourself as you are because God has a plan for you and He will provide what you need to fulfill His plan, find what He wants you to do, guard against feelings of rejection, God promised "I will never leave you or forsake you", be Christ-centered

MSC meeting held on Feb. 5

On Tuesday, February 5, 2008, the Margaret Stacy Circle met at the Methodist Church. Kara Elam welcomed everyone to the meeting. We then had the secretary's report from Brenda Smith, and the treasurer's report from Anita Hunley.

We then discussed the progress of our cookbook project and the needlepoint pieces for the chairs and other fund raisers we could do such as an after church dinner. We are planning to have a dinner on April 13 so keep this in mind.

Emily Elam had the devotion. her bible study has been on Psalms and during the storm the other night a tree in her yard was blown down and she was thanking the Lord that it fell where there was no damage and the wood would be useful to her. A poem came to her then and she wrote it down and called it "The Kindling Psalm". It was a reminder to be thankful in bad situations because sometimes good things can come from them.

Judy Elam had the program on The World Day of Prayer which will be held at our church this year. This will be held on March 7, 2008, at 7 p.m. The lesson for this day was prepared by The World Day of Prayer committee of Guyana. The World Day of Prayer is a day when women of many faith traditions come together to observe a common day of prayer. The theme for this year is "God's Wisdom Provides New understanding". We hope that everyone will come and enjoy this time of prayer and fellowship.

Emily Elam said the blessing before we enjoyed the refreshments that Kara Elam had prepared. Those attending the meeting were Kara Elam, Jackson Elam, Emily Elam, Judy Elam, Brenda Smith, Anita Hunley, Jeanene Lett, Barbara Ison and Bev Bell.

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McCain's surge may assure that the Bluegrass State goes red

Columnist's forecasts so far have proved accurate

This column by Al Cross has so far proved to be accurate. It will be interesting to see if his other prognostications prove to be prophetic as well.

By Al Cross

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 3 — Kentucky's political deck of cards was dealt from Frankfort to Florida last Tuesday. The filing deadline for this year's primaries passed, Gov. Steve Beshear presented a painful budget, and John McCain became the odds-on favorite for the Republican presidential nomination.

So what does the U.S. senator from Arizona have to do with Kentucky political races and public finances? You might be surprised.

McCain's ascent is good news for Kentucky Republicans. It's funny how he may be the new best friend of his old intra-party adversary, Sen. Mitch McConnell, who's on the ballot this year.

In the last public presidential poll in Kentucky, by Survey USA Jan. 4-6, just after the Iowa caucuses, McCain ran well ahead of both Democrats now left in the race, New York Sen. Hillary Clinton and Illinois Sen. Barack Obama. McCain led Clinton by 10 percentage points and Obama by 19. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, the only other Republican who still has a chance, trailed Clinton by 6 points and Obama by 1 (Mitt Romney has since bowed out of the race).

(Primary-election memo for Democrats: The month-old poll doesn't strongly argue for Clinton. Her husband's South Carolina campaigning damaged her, creating a national trend toward Obama, and Kentucky follows national trends. To those who think an African American can't carry the state, consider: As an Illinois senator, Obama is a familiar figure on television in much of Western Kentucky, and there are probably tens of thousands of swing voters over 55 who still feel angst about how they acted during the civil-rights struggle of the 1960s and would like to cast a cathartic vote.)

McCain could yet blow it, but if he is the GOP nominee, Kentucky could again be off the presidential table. That is bad news for Kentucky Democrats, especially those in federal races, who need the advertising and organizational support that comes with being a targeted state in a general election for president. As for the McCain effect, it may go further than federal races. With the prospect that he will provide coattails, Republicans in the legislature will be less tempted to put Beshear's casino proposal on the November ballot as a tool to drive up turnout among social conservatives. (Putting a marriage amendment on the 2004 ballot probably saved Republican Sen. Jim Bunning from defeat.)

A more immediate reason casinos may not get on the ballot is

that Republicans could have one more state senator, starting next week. Rep. Brandon Smith, R-Hazard, is in a close race with former Rep. Scott Alexander, D-Hazard, in a special election Tuesday for the seat vacated by Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo. Beshear and Mongiardo structured the nominating process in ways that alienated many Democrats. (Smith won the election.)

If casinos don't make it to the ballot, it's more likely that the legislature will, in the end, raise the cigarette tax to ease the budget pain that it caused by spending non-recurring money for recurring purposes. Beshear can't embrace any tax as long as he hopes to sell voters on casinos, and some Republicans may already be talking up the cigarette tax as an alternative.

Lawmakers' irresponsibility with the budget has yet to cause them political pain comparable to the budgetary pain most Kentuckians will feel sooner or later. When the filing deadline passed Tuesday, only 47 of the 114 legislators seeking re-election drew opposition.

Most big action on deadline day was federal. Former 3rd District Rep. Anne Northup filed for a rematch with Democratic Rep. John Yarmuth, who unseated her last year on the strength of voter unhappiness with Iraq policy. In an exception to the McCain effect, Northup will not be helped by the war hero's talk of a 100-year mission in Iraq.

In the greatest recent act of perfidy at high levels of Kentucky politics, 2nd District Rep. Ron Lewis tried to slip-shuck chief aide Daniel London into his seat with a last-minute switcheroo. But McConnell, having had his inquiries stiff-armed by Lewis, lined up state Sen. Brett Guthrie as an alternative. Now the open seat is up for grabs, and both parties will have primaries; state Sen. David Boswell of Owensboro faces hometown Democratic opposition from Daviess County Judge-Executive Reid Haire.

In perhaps the most momentous filing, twice-failed Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bruce Lunsford filed for McConnell's seat. If Lunsford makes it through the primary, the extravagantly funded McConnell will make a piñata out of him and his record. But Lunsford is probably the only Democrat with the money and party support to make a piñata out of McConnell, who runs as an appropriator and whose voting record has never been effectively challenged. It would be fun to see him arm in arm with John McCain.

Al Cross, former Courier-Journal political writer, is director of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues in the School of Journalism and Telecommunications at the University of Kentucky. His e-mail address is al.cross@uky.edu. His views are his own, not those of the University of Kentucky.

Community newspaper readership remains high

Survey shows newspapers primary source for news, adv. in local communities

Feb. 7 — Readership of community newspapers held stable or increased slightly in the last two years, "in stark contrast to news reports purporting to chronicle the decline, if not demise, of newspapers," reports the National Newspaper Association, composed mainly of weekly papers.

The survey in markets of fewer than 25,000 people showed that last year's readership rate was 83 percent, up from 81 percent in 2005. That's within the margin of error, but error margins are based on a 95 percent confidence level, so chances are that community newspaper readership is rising. Even if it was stable, that would be in contrast to metropolitan papers.

NNA Executive Director Brian Steffens said. "I'm not immune to some very significant challenges facing the newspaper industry, but these numbers don't quite support 'the sky is falling' mantra. Part of the problem with reporting on the health and welfare of the newspaper industry is that virtually all of the previous research has been focused on large daily newspapers serving

the top 100 markets. There are more than 1,400 daily newspapers and about 8,000 non-daily community newspapers across America."

The surveys were done with the help of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the University of Missouri, where NNA has its headquarters. "We know community newspapers have a different story to tell than some of the big dailies," says Steve Haynes, president of NNA and Haynes Publishing Co. in Oberlin, Kan. The survey also found that:

* Local community newspapers are the primary source of information for both news and advertising in local communities by a 2-1 margin over the next most popular media.

* 73 percent of community newspaper readers share their paper with friends, colleagues or family members, more than doubling the number of people who see the paper.

* On average, readers spend 41.8 minutes reading an issue of their paper, an increase of nearly four minutes from the 2005 survey.

* Nearly one-third of readers keep their paper for more than six days, enabling them to revisit a story or advertisement at their leisure.

Questions and answers about govt. rebate checks

Under the economy relief bill recently passed by Congress, approximately 130 million citizens will receive rebate checks from the federal government in amounts ranging from \$300 to \$1,200, with many households receiving an additional \$300 for each child. Only those filing an income tax returns for 2007 are eligible for the rebate.

The following are questions and answers about who will receive checks and in what amounts:

Question: Who gets a rebate?

Answer: Anyone who pays taxes or earns at least \$3,000, including through Social Security or veterans' disability benefits. Singles with an income of more than \$75,000 and couples with more than \$150,000 will get only partial rebates.

Q: Who does not get one?

A: People who earn less than \$3,000, illegal immigrants, anyone who does not file a tax return, singles with incomes ex-

ceeding \$87,000 and couples with incomes exceeding \$174,000. The caps rise by \$6,000 per child.

Q: What do you have to do to get the rebate?

A: Eligible people must file a 2007 tax return with a Social Security number for each person listed.

Q: How much is the rebate?

A: Single taxpayers get a rebate of at least \$300, with couples receiving at least \$600. The rebate will be equal to the taxes they paid, up to \$600 for singles and \$1,200 for couples, plus an additional \$300 per child. That amount will be reduced by \$50 for every \$1,000 above the income limits of \$75,000 for singles and \$150,000 for couples.

People who earn too little to pay taxes but at least \$3,000, including elderly people whose income is from Social Security and veterans who live on disability payments, will get \$300 if single or \$600 if a couple.

Q: How are the rebates calculated?

A: Rebates are calculated on the basis of taxpayers' 2007 adjusted gross income, which includes salaries and wages, interest, dividends, capital gains, taxable pensions, royalties and farm or rental income. It does not count contributions to individual retirement accounts, 401(k) retirement plans, tax-free health savings accounts or student loan interest payments.

Q: When will the rebates arrive?

A: The Treasury Department says the IRS will begin sending out rebates in May.

Q: Will the rebates be deducted from taxpayers' regular tax refunds?

A: No, the rebates are on top of any tax refund.

Q: Where does the money come from?

A: The government will borrow the money, which is projected to cost about \$117 billion over the next two years, adding to the federal deficit.

The Judge's Corner

By Tim Conley

Morgan County Judge/Executive



Hello from Judge Conley and staff.

It's time for us to begin preparing for the 2008-2009 budget talks. As in any project, you hear a lot of rumors, so I will do my best to explain throughout the next couple of weeks where we are in our current budget. I will give you the facts and you can come in and I will show you documentation to back those facts. That way when you are talking about the issues, you will be informed. I truly feel that if

everyone will put their heads together and try to find a solution we can work this out. (Your input is welcome.) There are certain things the state will allow and things that they will not allow. The first thing we hear is cut expenses and there is nothing we can cut to help our budget problems.

First of all, let's talk about the large items that we are required to pay before we do anything. In 2000-2001, the previous fiscal court made a debt of 4 million dollars and that's when the budget started failing. Tommy Phipps, County Treasurer, prepared a chart that shows a sharp decline in the budget beginning in the 2001-2002 budget due to having to start the payback on the four million dollar debt. This debt will cost the county almost \$400,000.00 per year until the year 2020. On top of that cost, the jail budget is over \$400,000.00 per year. Then you have to add in the Sheriff's budget of \$68,000.00. For this year's budget these three items will cost the county \$868,000.00.

We, the Fiscal Court, have no control over these items. We are required by state law to balance the sheriff's budget and provide a budget for jail costs. Also, we have to repay a debt that a previous court contracted. To maintain Morgan County Government and our Road Department, we have to have equipment to work. For our Road Department, we have to have rock, blacktop, and mowing equipment to keep the weeds cut back, diesel fuel, gasoline, and payroll for the people who work for the County. We have fewer men in the Road Department today than we have had in years.

County payroll and benefits are over \$600,000.00 per year.

Now, as you can see, the state government mandates a lot that goes into our budget. Our revenues come from a variety of sources. Some of the largest sources we collect from are County Road Aid funds, and we collect about \$800,000.00 a year from this fund. The county portion of property tax revenues is under \$140,000.00 per year and we receive about \$200,000.00 in truck licenses.

As you can see, there is a lot more money going out than coming into our budget.

Next week, I will try to explain some things we have done and are doing to help curb the mandated expenses.

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Bills to benefit veterans, active duty military

FRANKFORT — Bills that would increase Kentucky military veterans' chances of being hired by the state and reduce the chances of active duty military members being cited or charged for driving on an expired license when they return from duty were passed today by the House of Representatives.

House Bill 57, sponsored by Rep. Mike Cherry, D-Princeton, and HB 168, sponsored by Rep. Tommy Thompson, D-Owensboro, both passed the House by a vote of 97-0. They now go to the Senate for its consideration.

If passed, HB 57 would give veterans—including National Guard and Reservists—a better chance at state employment by ensuring that they are granted interviews for state jobs and that they are identified as veterans on the state register, which lists finalists for those jobs. If more than five veterans apply for an open position with the state, then at least five of them would be granted interviews.

The bill would also allow anyone who is a veteran to receive bonus points on state hiring exams, which are used to place names on the register for some state jobs.

"Testing is now down to only about 15 percent of state jobs, so we have to find other way to let employers know who are veterans and who are not," said Cherry, a retired U.S. Navy captain who has filed similar legislation in past sessions.

"It gives veterans a way to at least get in the door," he added.

HB 168, sponsored by Thompson, would give active duty military who have returned from out-of-state military service and whose driver's license has expired up to 90 days to renew the license, if they have proof they were on military assignment. They could not be cited or convicted for driving on an expired license during that 90-day period.

Thompson has also filed legislation similar to HB 168 in past sessions. Those bills, like Cherry's past bills to beef up the state's hiring preference for veterans, passed the House but did not pass the Senate.

GOD OUR MAKER
Every tree upon the mountain side is numbered, at the gentle breath of God, their branches move. When the heart of God is touched, the tears start falling, to this earth they fall, through clouds of white and blue.

He made the rocks, He made the trees, tell me who but God can do such things as these? He makes the clouds, He makes the rain. He is great and He is worthy of our praise.

My God can take a hopeless life that's torn by sin, in exchange He gives sweet peace and joy within. How He does this I could never fully tell. But I know, when God performs He does things well.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

LEGALS

NOTICE OF SEALED BIDS Surplus Vehicles
The City of West Liberty will accept sealed bids on three (3) surplus vehicles, one 97 Ford Ranger, one 96 Chevrolet Lumina and one 98 Ford Crown Victoria. The vehicles may be inspected at 600 Wells Hill Lane from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Bids will be accepted at the City Hall office until February 25, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. The City of West Liberty reserves the right to reject any and or all bids. The City of West Liberty is an equal opportunity provider. C-2-7-2t

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIMITED GUARDIAN FOR MINOR
Notice is hereby given on this 5 day of February, 2008 that Frances Shelton has been appointed Limited Guardian In Re: of Jesse L. Thorpe, a minor. Frances Shelton 417 Carpenter Branch West Liberty, Ky. 41472 C-2-14-1t

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR MINOR
Notice is hereby given on this 5 day of February, 2008 that Kimberly A. Smith has been appointed Guardian In Re: of Alivia M. Smith, a minor. Kimberly A. Smith 8378 Highway 772 West Liberty, Ky. 41472 C-2-14-1t

PROBATE NOTICE
Notice is hereby given on this 5 day of February 2008, that Randy L. Bailey and Mary A. Dunn have been appointed the Co-Executor/Executrix of the Mary A. Bailey Estate. Anyone indebted to said Estate should pay the undersigned immediately. Anyone having a claim of any nature against said Estate should file the same, properly verified, with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of this publication. Randy L. Bailey 76 Keeton Ave. West Liberty, Ky. 41472 and Mary A. Dunn 2225 Lower Gilmore Campton, Ky. 41301 D. Joleen Frederick P.O. Box 508 West Liberty, Ky. 41472 C-2-14-1t

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR FOR MINOR
Notice is hereby given on this 5 day of February, 2008, that Angela Robbins has been appointed Conservator In Re: of Joseph Hill, a minor. Angela Robbins 31 Darris Smith Rd. West Liberty, Ky. 41472 Conservator C-2-14-1t

PUBLIC NOTICE
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PROBATE NOTICE
Notice is hereby given on this 5 day of February, 2008, that Evelyn Motley has been appointed the Executrix of the Robert V. Motley Estate. Anyone indebted to said Estate should pay the undersigned immediately. Anyone having a claim of any nature against said Estate should file the same, properly verified, with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of this publication. Evelyn Motley P.O. Box 84 Ezel, Ky. 41425 Kevin Clay Cockrell P.O. Box 96 Mt. Sterling, Ky. 40353 C-2-14-1t

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant To Application Number 888-0092 Operator Change
In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Morgan County Coal, Inc., 989 Stephens Branch Road, Martin, KY 41649 intends to revise Permit No. 888-0092 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Skyline Excavation, Inc., 989 Stephens Branch Road, Martin, KY 41649. The new operator will be Joshua Enterprises, Inc., 210 Slaughter Road, Salsersville, KY 41465. The operation is located 0.4 miles north of Matthew in Morgan County. The operation is located approximately 0.04 miles north of the junction of KY 364 and KY 3333 and is approximately 0.03 miles west of Tarklin Branch. The operation is located on the White Oak and Lennox USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date. C-2-14-1t pd.

Courage
Courage is the art of being the only one who knows you're scared to death.
— Harold Wilson
Courage and perseverance have a magical talisman, before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish into air.
— John Quincy Adams
A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver five minutes longer.
— Ralph Waldo Emerson
Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others.
— Robert Louis Stevenson
Courage is the ladder on which all the other virtues mount.
— Clare Booth Luce
You have to have confidence in your ability, and then be tough enough to follow through.
— Rosalynn Carter
Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace.
— Amelia Earhart
Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.
— Anais Nin

WORDS OF WISDOM
Infinite riches are all around you if you will open your mental eyes and behold the treasure house of infinity within you. There is a gold mine within you from which you can extract everything you need to live life gloriously, joyously and abundantly.
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Your Social Security

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This Valentine's Day, why not take an extra step to show someone you love how much you care? Tell them about the Medicare prescription drug plan — and about the extra help they may be able to get through Social Security.

The high cost of prescription drug costs can be a burden on older Americans with limited income. What better way to show you care than by showing them how to get extra help with the Medicare prescription drug costs? Extra help — available through Social Security — can pay part of their monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. The extra help could be worth more than \$3,600 per year.

To figure out whether they are eligible, Social Security needs to know their income and the value of their savings, investments and other real estate (other than the home they live in). To qualify for the extra help, your loved ones must be receiving Medicare and have:

- Income limited to \$15,840 for an individual or \$21,240 for a married couple living together. (These amounts will increase soon.) Even if their annual income is higher, your loved ones still may be able to get some help with monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. For example, their income may be higher if they or their spouse support other family members who live with them. They may have earnings from work or live in Alaska or Hawaii.
- Resources limited to \$11,990 for an individual or \$23,970 for a married couple living together. Resources include such things as bank accounts, stocks and bonds. We do not count their house and car as resources.

Social Security has an easy-to-use online application for the extra help that anyone — family members, friends and caregivers — can complete. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov. To apply by phone or get an application, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the Application for Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs (SSA-1020). Or go to the nearest Social Security office.

To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

So this year as you prepare your valentines, give someone you love something special: the peace of mind that comes with knowing extra help is available with Medicare prescription drug costs. Then go one step further — help them apply. There is no better way to show how much you care.

Bernard O'Nan is the district manager at the Ashland Social Security office. A representative from the Ashland office visits West Liberty every first and third non-holiday Monday at the Community Center starting at 8:30 a.m. The Ashland office can be reached at 606-324-0516.

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AREA DEATHS

Danny Dale Scaggs



Danny Dale Scaggs, age 61, of White Road, Soldier, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at the St. Claire Regional Medical Center. Born August 25, 1946, at Sharkey, Kentucky, he was the son of the late Charlie and Lillian Brown Scaggs.

On October 5, 1993, he was united in marriage to Phyllis Ann Conn Scaggs, who survives. In addition to his wife of 14 years, other survivors include a daughter, Chrissy Scaggs of Bath County, Kentucky, three stepsons, Tim Highley of Bath County, Kentucky, Jason Brewster of Morehead, Kentucky, and Dustin Brewster of Olive Hill, Kentucky; three stepdaughters, Edessa Brewster of Olive Hill, Kentucky, Shelia Boyles of Grayson, Kentucky, and Paula Carter of Bath County, Kentucky.

Also surviving are two grandchildren, Devon Hunt and Lillian Hunt; seven step-grandchildren; a brother, Bill Scaggs of Salt Lick, Kentucky; two sisters, Rita Jordan of Louisville, Kentucky, and Barbara Lucci of Ashland, Kentucky.

Danny was a retired union carpenter and attended the Dry Branch Church of God. He enjoyed hunting and horseback riding.

Funeral services were conducted 1 p.m. Friday, February 1, 2008, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Gayle Price and Rev. Willard Johnson officiating. Burial was in Conn Cemetery in Enterprise, Kentucky.

Pallbearers were Eddie Dehart, Allen Stevens, Paul Conn, Jason Brewster, Dustin Brewster, and Tim Highley.

Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals was in charge of arrangements.

View or sign guestbook at www.northcuttandson.com

MASTER OF THE WAY

Life must have some cloudy days. There may be storms along my way. It seems the birds forget to sing, and to your promises I will cling, Dear Lord, you promised you would be my anchor on life's stormy sea, my shepherd and my guide each day. The light before me all the way. When you send the sunshine and rain you share our joy and all our pain. We bow our heads to thee in prayer assured that you are always there. Dear Lord, I thank you for your love, the blessings from your throne above. You are my strength from day to day, oh Lord and Master of my way.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

Anna Lee Jones Black



Anna Lee Jones Black, age 72, of Wallingford, Kentucky, passed away Thursday, January 31, 2008, at the Fleming County Hospital in Flemingsburg. She was born October 14, 1935, in Rowan County, Kentucky, and was the daughter of the late Willie Lee and Anna Jane Lewis Jones.

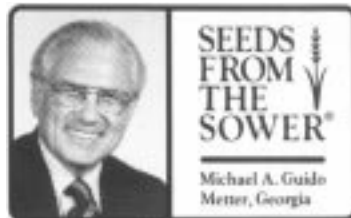
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Lowell Gene Jones on January 31, 2002.

She is survived by two sons, Larry Campbell and wife Barbara of Cleveland, Ohio, and Rick Campbell of Lexington, Kentucky; two daughters, Phyllis Davis of Morehead, Kentucky, and Brenda Wise and husband Rick of Lexington, Kentucky; two brothers, Kenneth Jones and wife Robin of Mays Lick, Kentucky, and Burl Ray Jones and wife Janice of Morehead, Kentucky; a sister, Loretta Joyce Jones Weaver and husband Bill of Wallingford, Kentucky; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Black was a former employee of the Dixie Grill in Morehead and attended the Mt. Pisgah Christian Church.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 3, 2008, at Mt. Pisgah Church with the Rev. James DeAtley officiating. Burial was in Mt. Pisgah Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kenneth Ray Jones, Shawn Jones, Mike Davis, Dale Davis, Erick Campbell, and Rickey Lee Campbell.

Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals was in charge of arrangements.



"Happy New Year," I said to a friend.

"I see that you're happy," he said. "Why?"

"Because," I said. "I'm precious in the eyes of God, saved by the grace of God, trusting in the word of God, guided by the Spirit of God, guarded by the angels of God, walking in the light of God, busy in the work of God, joyful in the love of God, held by the hands of God, and secure in the power of God. Why not make Him your God?"

God is equal to every situation. He's ever present, never failing, and all sufficient!

Hargis L. Arnett

Hargis L. Arnett, 86, passed away January 9, 2008, after a long illness in Tucson, Arizona. He graduated from Cannel City High School in Morgan County, and served on the Navy during World War II. He attended the University of Kentucky. Arnett went on to a career in the theater business, where he retired as a District Manager in California.

Surviving are his loving wife, Myrna; a sister, Helen D. Lindon of Middletown, Ohio; two sisters-in-law, Edna Arnett of Tucson, Arizona, and Geraldene Arnett of Birmingham, Alabama; a brother-in-law, Daniel, and several neices and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Maude G. and Troy Arnett; a sister Hazel Rose; two brothers, Henry E. Arnett and Harold Shannon Arnett.

Burial was in Tucson, Arizona.

You took God's hand

By Carla L. Holbrook
Lowell B. Holbrook
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It has been a year since your death.

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You took God's hand, that taken you to that new and holy land. I'm now just making it more determined to make it to Heaven. Just to see Jesus and you again.

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But I know your in a better place. I can only imagine what a great time up there in Heaven you are having now.

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I know someday I'm to leave this world. Like Dad had to and I'll take God's hand and be forever more in Heaven's grand land. To be with Jesus, Dad, my grandparents, and many other family members and friends that went on before me.

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Girl Scouts can learn about money mgt. at MSU event

Morehead State University's Students in Free Enterprise, or SIFE, will be hosting a financial education event on Saturday, February 16 at the main campus. This event is for Junior Girls Scouts interested in earning their "Business Wise" badge.

Registration is at 9:30 a.m. on the third floor of the Adron Doran University Center on MSU's campus. The actual event occurs from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The cost is \$10 per girl and \$6 per adult. This fee includes lunch, program materials, and the patch.

"The event provides a wonderful opportunity for our Juniors Scouts to have fun at MSU," Girl Scout Membership Specialist SuAnn Evans said. "The girls will learn how to handle money wisely while earning a badge."

All requirements to earn the Business Wise badge will be covered during the event. The girls will be immersed in a scenario where they create and run their very own business. They will learn about entrepreneurship, the concept of loans, the value of a dollar, profits, losses, and more. Using "SIFE Money," the Scouts will make and sell their own products—allowing for a fun yet educational experience.

"I'm really looking forward to the project this year," MSU SIFE Project Leader Nathan Mills said. "We are expecting more than five times as many Girl Scouts as last year and ten times as much fun."

SIFE is a non-profit organization allowing where students become aware of economic opportunities in their communities. Members participating in programs focusing on market economics, personal financial success skills, and business ethics.

Contact SuAnn Evans or Julie Moore at (606) 784-7292 for more information about this event or for more information on Girl Scouting. The deadline for registration is Monday, February 11.

Morgan Central Elem. school news

Morgan Central Elementary School has released the following list of awards and perfect attendance for the first and second nine weeks of school.

Awards

Myra Linkous, First Grade--First Quarter Student of the Quarter, Dalton Jones; Top Reader, Casey Gilliam; Most Improved Reader, Alex Gilliam; Top Math, Blake Evans; Most Improved Cameron Wright. Second Quarter of the Quarter, AJ Aragon; Top Reader, Dalton Jones; Most Improved Reader, Arturo Bayes; Top Math, Lorrie Lykins; Most Improved Math, Aidan Morgan.

Kristi Trusty, First Grade--First Quarter Student of the Quarter, Lyndsey Adkins; Top Reader, Elsie Roy; Most Improved Reader, Desiree Lewis; Top Math, McKenzie Daniel; Most Improved, Robert Niece. Second Quarter Student of the Quarter, Macey Conley; Top Reader Sara Davis; Most Improved Reader, Hannah Davis; Top Math, Levi Hoskins; Most Improved Math, Chandler Trusty.

Jamie Easterling, First Grade--First Quarter Student of the Quarter, Alley Kemplin; Top Reader, Katie Peyton; Most Improved Reader, Jordan Kelly; Top Math, Bobby Jo Bailey; Most Improved, Tyler Elam; Second Quarter Student of the Quarter, Leigha Risner; Top Reader, Brandon Hampton, Most improved Reader, Samantha Conley; Top Math, Jordan Lykins; Most Improved Math, Jackson Snooks.

Keith Linkous, Kindergarten--first Quarter Student of the Quarter, John Fugate; Top Reader, John Fugate; Most Improved Reader, Destiny Chambers; Top Math, John Fugate; Most Improved, Jacob Helton; Second Quarter Student of the Quarter, Lindsay Gullett; Top Reader, Lindsay Gullett; Most Improved Reader, Hailey Adkins; Top Math, Garnett Smith; Most Improved Math, Hailey Adkins.

Melissa Hoskins, Kindergarten--First Quarter Student of the Quarter, Morgan Lewis; Top Reader, Layla Perry; Most Improved Reader, Rayanna Conley; Top Math, Chase Whitt; Most Improved, Noah Smith. Second Quarter Student of the Quarter, Chase Whitt; Top Reader, Paige Smith; Most Improved Reader, Morgan Farmer; Top Math, Jenna Frederick; Most Improved Math, Jackson Ross.

Nicole Lindon, Kindergarten--First Quarter Student of the Quarter, Allen Dulen; Top Reader, Braiden Castle; Most Improved Reader, Shayne Perkins; Top Math, Jacob Hoskins; Most Improved, Kaley Collins. Second Quarter Student of the Quarter, Kaley Collins; Top Reader, Kennedy Trusty; Most Improved Reader, Renee Reed; Top Math, Braiden Castle; Most Improved, Math Derek Wireman.

Mrs. Collinsworth, Second Grade--First Quarter Student of the Quarter, Cora Klingenberg; Top Reader, Gabrielle Reed; Most Improved Reader, Cheyanne; Top Math, Justin Jones; Most Improved, Dylan Long. Second Quarter Student of the Quarter, Maylea Haney; Top Reader, Kourtney Dennis; Most Improved Reader, Kendra Haney; Top Math, Shawn Pack, Most Improved Math, Serena Ross.

Mrs. Finch, Second Grade--First Quarter Student of the Quarter, Garrett Finch; Top Reader, Chris Pennington, Most Improved Reader; Logan King, Top Math, Mason Berry; Most Improved, Gage Finch. Second Quarter Student of the Quarter, Kiera Lewis; Top Reader, Dari Carpenter; Most improved Reader, Danielle Back; Top Math, Bryce Howard; Most Improved Math, Paige Kendrick.

Mrs. Hopkins Second Grade--First Quarter Student of the Quarter, Zoey Dameron; Top Reader, Lauren Spencer, Most Improved Reader, Trevor Reynolds; Top Math, Seth Turner; Most Improved, Chloe Sparkman. Second Quarter Student of the Quarter, Trevor Simpkins; Top Reader, Kelly Holbrook; Most Improved Reader, Shayne Whitely; Top Math, Ashton Jones; Most Improved Math, Haley Perkins.

Mrs. Hammonds Third Grade--First Quarter Student of the Quarter, Bethany Allen; Top Reader, Bethany Allen; Most Improved Reader, Cheyanne Stamper; Top Math, Kerrick Walter; Most Improved, Frost Sallie. Second Quarter Student of the Quarter, Shanna Linkous; Top Reader, hayleigh Wright; Most improved Reader, Autumn Fulkerson; Top Math, Matt Hylton; Most Improved Math, Dallas Bailey.

Mrs. Amber Day, Fifth Grade, First Nine Weeks, Top Math, Zach Gullett; Most Imp. Math, Ben Swiger; Top Reading, Jasmine Lykins; Most Imp. Reading, Tuwania Conley; Student of the Quarter, Kaitlyn Hopkins.

Leshia Collins, Fourth Grade--First Quarter winners are as follows: Logan Hembree, Student of the Quarter; Math award, Logan Hembree; Most Improved Math, James Elam; Reading Award, Hunter Collins; Most Improved Reading, Logan Hembree; Attendance, Jake Henry; DeeJay Sparkman, and Kaitlin Caudill. Second Quarter winners are Hunter Collins, Student of the Quarter; Math award, Hunter Collins; Most improved Math, DeeJay Sparkman and Paige Bartley; Reading award, Logan Hembree, Most improved reading, Ethan Robbins; Attendance, Shelby Lewis.

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Improved Math, Kaylee Rowe; Top Reader, Drake Hillman; Most improved Reader, Brandon Conley; Student of the Quarter, Lance Frederick. Super Honor Roll: Abie Vihar, Bryanna Brown, Cortney Ross, Savannah Johnson, and Lance Frederick. Honor Roll: ted Klingerberg, Zack Gullett, Seth Whitely, Wyatt Sivils, Haley Blevins, Drake Hillman, Brandon Conley, Kaylee Rowe, Jasmine Lykins, Tiffany L. Adkins, Kaitlyn Hopkins, Landon Gullett.

Second nine weeks awards, Mrs. Leshia Collins--Fourth Grade, Top Math, Hunter Collins; Top Reading, Logan Hembree; Top Health, Hunter Collins; top English, Hunter Collins; top Social Studies, Hunter Collins; Top Spellers, Kaitlin Caudill, Hunter Collins, James Elam, Caston Hafling, Logan Hembree, Jake Henry, Masters of Cursive Writing, Kaitlin Caudill, Logan Hembree, Jake Henry, Hunter Collins, Shelby Lewis, Braken Whitson, Caston Hafling, DeeJay Sparkman, and James Elam.

Mrs. Harper, Fifth Grade--First Quarter Student of the Quarter, Amanda Stacy; Top Reader, Samantha Pennington; Most Improved, Jacob Young; Top Math, Ashley Nickell, Most Improved. Second Quarter Student of the Quarter, Tyler Adkins; Top Reader, Khristian Helton; Most Improved, Melinda Purcell; Top Math, Curtis Bailey, Most Improved, Cody Hutchinson.

Mrs. Jones 4th Grade--First Quarter Student of the Quarter, Sarah Elam; Top Reader, Danielle Caldwell; Most Improved, Austin Sanders; Top Math, Jaycea Frederick; Most Improved, Katlyn Cox; Second Quarter Student of the Quarter, Emily Howard; Top Reader, Jaycea Frederick; Most Improved, Sylvia Peyton; Top Math, Perry Franklin; Most Improved, Kayla Bolin.

Mrs. Castle Fourth Grade--First Quarter Student of the Quarter, Dillan Lindon; Top Reader, Derek Easterling, Most Improved, Joe Lykins; Top Math, Samantha McGraw; Most Improved, Devin Finch. Second Quarter Student of the Quarter, Derek Easterling; Top Reader, Ethan Tinch; Most Improved, Savannah Vance; Top Math, Lea Shea Vance; Most Improved Sierra Haney.

Mrs. Kidd, Third Grade--First Quarter Student of the Quarter, Blake; Top Reader, Garrett Dameron; Most Improved, Max Elam; Top Math, Montana Cheek; Most Improved, Mitchell Perkins. Second Quarter Student of the Quarter, Ashley Flannery; Top Reader, Olivia Burnett; Most Improved, Courtney Peyton; Top Math, Shelby Gevedon; Most improved, Mikey Stephens.

Mrs. Conley, Third Grade--First Quarter Student of the Quarter, Madison Frederick; Top Reader, Hunter Kemplin; Most Improved, Drake Ross; Top Math, Madison Cline; Most improved, Sheila Hampton. Second Quarter Student of the Quarter, Austin Kinner; Top Reader, Sidney Trimble; Most Improved, Sean Gevedon; Top Math, Andrew Gevedon; Most Improved,

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Perfect Attendance First Nine Weeks

Kaley M. Collins, Allen C. Dulen, Chandler Halsey, Haley E. Phipps, Kennedy L. Trusty, Talmadge J. Back, Dakota Caudill, John Fugate, Lindsay M. Gullett, Christopher J. Helton, Alexander Cline, Rayanna Conley, Elizabeth M. Farmer, Emily G. Hammons, Tory K. Prater, Tanner L. Simpkins, Julia A. Wells, Clinton C. Whitt, Bobby J. Bailey, Danielle L. Deaton, Carson L. Oney, Courtney N. Yates, Andrew J. Aragon, Arturo G. Bayes, Dylan B. Bolin, John T. Hoskins, Dalton Jones, Lorrie M. Lykins, Cameron B. Wright, Destiny L. Wright.

Macey J. Conley, Elana Davis, Jacob W. Elam, Levi P. Hoskins, Mallory E. Roy, Caitlyn G. Akers, Maylea M. Haney, Justin L. Jones, Dakota A. King, Justin L. Lewis, Tracy D. Back, Bryce A. Howard, Sekala P. Kendrick, Kiera D. Lewis, Christopher C. Pennington, Harley D. West, Leandra R. Frederick, Kenneth Aaron Gevedon, Christopher K. Lindon, Kara J. Mays, Trevor L. Simpkins, Lauren P. Spencer, Seth S. Turner, Madison E. Cline, Madison B. Frederick, Andrew C. Gevedon, Spencer T. Smith.

Maizie R. Cox, Shanna L. Linkous, Zachary A. McClure, Savannah D. Osborne, Frost A. Sallie, Hayleigh S. Wright, Montana B. Cheek, Shelby D. Gevedon, Michael Stephens, Derek T. Easterling, Devin K. Finch, Sierra M. Haney, Linzy D. Lindon, Emily A. Stephens, Miriam L. Vance, Katelyn J. Williams, Kaitlin M. Caudill, Jacob M. Henry, DeeJay G. Sparkman, Sarah J. Elam, Jared T. Lewis, Jenna N. Price, Austin D. Sanders, Jennifer S. Wells.

Elia Conley, Lance R. Frederick, Zackery E. Gullett, Aden T. Hatton, Austin W. Hatton, Jerrod D. Hillman, Kaitlynn L. Hopkins, Savannah J. Johnson, Harold T. Klingenberg, Cody Lee Koss, Cynthia B. Long, Jasmine B. Lykins, Abie L. Vihar, Aleshia D. Bailey, Steven C. Bailey, Cody L. Bolin, Emily L. Lykins, Ashley Nickell, Samantha B. Pennington.

Perfect Attendance Second Nine Weeks

Sonyia E. Bayes, Braiden M. Castle, Haley D. Conley, Chandler Halsey, Carson L. Oney, Jacob W. Ball, Dexter B. Evans, Braden C. Gullett, Cameron B. Wright, Macey J. Conley, Casey Jones, Lauren D. Lewis, Justin L. Jones, Dakota A. King, Harley D. West, Zoey A. Damron, Leandra R. Frederick, Kenneth A. Gevedon, Christopher K. Lindon, Kara J. Mays, Andrew C. Gevedon, Maizie R. Cox, Hayleigh S. Wright, Montana B. Cheek, Joseph G. Damron, Devin K. Finch, Howard Ross, Emily Ann Stephens, Miriam L. Vance, Shelby M. Lewis, Jared T. Lewis, Jenna N. Price, Lance R. Frederick, Savannah J. Johnson, Abie Vihar, Seth N. Whitely, Cody L. Bolin, Seth J. Caudill, Ashley Nickell, Samantha B. Pennington.



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Lower Elkfork

By Alpha Clevenger

Feb. 11--Sympathy is extended to those who are bereaved. Get well wishes to the sick and shutins.

Gayle Howard called Saturday morning and asked if I wanted to walk at the park later in the evening, but I was so busy and had to do my hair so I didn't get to walk, but plan to walk later.

Travis Grant Clevenger, of West Liberty, Ohio, called Saturday. So good to hear from him. He was fine and said he was going to try to visit us in the spring.

Karen Lewis, of Louisa, called on Monday. Good to hear from her. She said she had been real sick with a bad cold and couldn't eat, but was feeling some better at the present time. She is a nice and friendly person. She and I met at church last year. She attends church on Sunday night at Lick Fork. Call again, Karen.

Alpha has been on the sick list for some time and stayed in bed for a couple of weeks, but thank God I recovered and am feeling much better at the present time. I consulted a doctor once and I called some good Christian people for prayer and that really helped. The good Lord hears and answers our prayers.

Joy was a brief visitor recently. I had called her and asked her to try to come and fix my heater, as she has always done that for me for a long time and I am sure am thankful for her. She is smart as a tack and that day she didn't get to stay very long with me. She said she'd try to come and stay all day with me real soon. I sure hope she can do that. I'd enjoy her company.

Happy birthday to my sister, Enone, on February 23. May you have many more. We love you. We've had so much recently. Everyone was telling me about the bad storm night before last. It was past midnight or later. I was shocked that I didn't hear the storm. I usually hear everything that goes on during the night, but this time I didn't. I slept through it. I was glad I did. If it thunders in February there will be frost in May and it always happens just that way. I have noticed it from year to year.

Alpha was supper guest of Dempsey and Rosie on Monday night. It was his birthday supper. I cooked chicken and dumplings and made his an old fashioned chocolate cake and took it to him and when I was there a while Joy came and brought him a birthday gift and we all ate together. We enjoyed it so much, but Barry wasn't there. We missed him. Wish he had been there.

Alpha was walking at Old Mill Park today and the river was

swift and muddy and rising after all the rains. We will all be so glad when spring arrives. The green grass and flowers appear and the birds singing and dog woods and rebuds in bloom and wildflowers on the hillside. Every spring when I walk to the mail box and upon the hillside I look and see those little yellow flowers blooming on a warm, sunny day. Along with other wild flowers blooming. I feel so happy inside and thankful for all the beautiful handiwork of the good Lord. All He has made for His people to see and enjoy while we are living.

How are you Fairy Dean. Hope you all are well. Haven't seen or heard from you in a while.

How are you Jewell Lewis? Hope you are getting along much better. I know you miss Carmey very much. I know how you feel. It's so lonely when we lose a dear loved one, but God is there to give us comfort in our loss.

We always listen to Rev. Vernon Lewis each Sunday on W.L.K.S. at 1:00 p.m. He sure delivers a good sermon and is improving along with the others that are on the radio station each Sunday. Keep up the good work.

I talked to Twana in town recently. Good to see her and talk to her. She is such a nice and friendly person. I always ask about her mother.

Alpha was Friday guest of my brothers, Addie Earl, of Sandy Hook, and J.D. Stevens and family, and I went to the rest home in Sandy Hook to see my brother, Bunk, and found out he wasn't there. They transferred him to King's Daughters Hospital, in Ashland. I never had heard about him being hospitalized until someone told me about him. Someone not in the family told me about him and he suffered a stroke over a month ago. I wasn't informed about him being in the hospital. Get well wishes to him. All Christians please pray for him.

Alpha didn't get to attend church last Sunday as I was on the sick list, but was much improved in the afternoon.

I went to my mail box recently and there in the box was a letter and I opened it and to my surprise, there was a twenty dollar bill in the envelope, but no name. I was so thankful and I was in need at the time. I appreciated that so much and I still don't know who sent it to me.

How are you Sophie Blevins, of Grant Park, Illinois? I haven't heard from you for so long. Have you been ill and in the hospital? I hope to hear from you soon. I think of you so much. God bless and and touch and heal you.

Get well wishes to Lena Black.

Memory Hill & Roundabout

By Hazel B. Craft

Feb. 11--I am finally getting back to my news. Sorry for the failure to keep my news on time. Hopefully this won't happen again. My health is better--not completely out of it but much improved.

I hardly know where to begin. I do want to express much sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones. I will start with Dr. Bellamy. So sorry to hear of his death. All of our older doctors are gone. I have a large sewed up place on my arm that he placed there some time ago. I passed through a door with glass insertions and got a large cut on my arm below the elbow with much bleeding. I went to Dr. Bellamy and he sewed it up. I asked him if there would be an ugly spot on my arm. He replied, "You are not going to enter a beauty contest, are you?" He did a great job and the place that he sewed up is hardly noticeable now. I also learned later that I was related to him. Another special person that recently passed away was Lena Haney Walter, a wonderful teacher that had Deborah, Angela, and Paul in her class at West Liberty. She also taught some at Cannel City when Wardie was principal. I have heard so many remarks about what a great teacher she was. Every time I talked to her she would remark, "I soon plan to visit Memory Hill". So sorry she never made it. So many of our older great teachers are gone. Hazel Steele, George Lacy, and I are the three oldest teachers around. When I went to Indiana to teach one of the mothers remarked "Is Mrs. Craft qualified to teach this class," knowing I was from Eastern Kentucky. The principal replied, "She is the best qualified teacher in this school." Several of the teachers had emergency certificates. I had AB and MA degrees (not bragging). I fought many verbal battles over my beloved Eastern Kentucky. I taught 13 years at Sellersburg Elementary, at Sellersburg, Indiana, and loved every year I was there.

Dorsey Hollon, from Florida, called yesterday, Sunday, and told me that his wife, Loretta, had passed away Sunday morning. She had been in a pitiful shape for a long time. Dorsey and Loretta lived some time at Caney. He was raised on the same section in Breathitt County where I grew up. She will be buried in Florida. Sincere sympathy is extended to this family. Thanks Dorsey for letting us know. She and Dorsey belonged to our church before moving to Florida. We visited them every time we were in Florida. Dorsey isn't very well himself. Loretta told me the last time I visited her that Dorsey was so good to her and took such good care of her. Sincere sympathy is extended to this family. Dorsey also told me to sign up for The Licking Valley Courier. Today his name will be added to the LVC people who receive the paper. He said he knew so many in Eastern Kentucky.

There is so much news that has happened within the last month. Sorry I can't remember it all.

I do want to thank each and everyone who were so helpful to me during my sick days. Thanks Deborah for your great care while at your place. Also the ones that called--Bill Stamper, Alene Robinson, Doug Hall, Angela and probably others.

The news that I have missed hopefully will be in the next news. I will write them down when I think of them. After all, I am 90 years old. Will be 91 March 2.

Wardie had a birthday this past Feb. 8. Thanks for the ones who remembered that date--Bill Stamper, Angela, Deborah and probably others.

Hopefully I will be more organized the next news.

Junction News

By Kathy Bolin

Feb. 11--Greetings from the Junction.

Trivia: Every February, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is the mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men--his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. While in prison, according to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. He fell in love with a young girl--who may have been his jailor's daughter--who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that

he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine', an expression that is still in use today. Happy Valentine's Day!!!

A couple of birthdays, Cindy Montgomery, and one of my best friends, is celebrating her birthday this week. I wish her the best birthday ever, but as we all know after we hit 30, we just hope the day goes by fast. Happy Birthday, Cindy!! Earnest Jenkins, of Coffee's Creek, celebrated his birthday on Valentine's Day, I suppose with his sweetheart, Brenda.

John and Ivy Leaper just returned from sunny Florida. John's sister, Catherine, had knee surgery. While there, John and Ivy's vehicle never left the driveway, their nephew, Billy, escorted them anywhere and everywhere they wanted to go. The visit was good, but Ivy complained of the heat. After being back home and experiencing the dreadful cold temperatures we had this week-end, she probably wishes she was back in Florida in that dreadful heat!!

Well going to close, stay warm!

Lacy Creek

Feb. 11--Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell have been Mr. and Mrs. Gearld Nickell, of Hollywood, Alabama,

Randy Nickell, Randa and Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Nickell and children. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell, Lexie Francis, and Harvey Isaac attended the funeral of Paul Taylor, in Waverly, Ohio, on

Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell, Roby Gullett, Lexie Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Lykins, Junior Arnett, and Ella Mae Phipps were among those attending Wanda Phipps' 80th birthday party Sunday at Walnut Grove Church.

Jimmy Nickell, of Lebanon,

Ohio, spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Nickell. Dan LeMaster, Jr. also visited with the Nickells.

William Dan LeMaster visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan LeMaster, Jr. Joyce LeMaster, Athena Blackburn and Nicholas were shopping in Paintsville Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cantrell visited Sunday with Terry Gibbs.

MONDAY DEADLINE FOR NEWS ADS

News items and advertising for publication in The Licking Valley Courier should be submitted by Friday of the preceding week and must be in our office before noon on Monday.

eBay workshop at W.L. SBDC Mar. 25

Morehead State University at West Liberty's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) had added a workshop in March for those interested in learning more about eBay.

This course will introduce class participants to the basic concepts and components of setting up a business on eBay. Strategies and tips will be shared on how to go about selling successfully on eBay. Participants will walk through the step-by-step process of listing, selling, and then receiving payment for an item once it is sold. Resources will be shared that can help individuals develop their eBay business.

The free workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 25, from 1-4 p.m. at the REC.

Additional information is available by calling Michael A. Rodriguez, SBDC consultant, at (606) 743-4005.

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Thursday, Feb. 21--Chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, spinach, oat bran muffin, baked apples, milk.

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CIRCUIT COURT
New civil cases – James Denzil Holbrook vs. Flora Lynn Holbrook, Feb. 4; Ruth Wireman vs. Jay Wireman, Feb. 5; Trimble Oil Company vs. Skyline Excavation, Inc. et al, Feb. 6.

DISTRICT COURT
New civil cases – Rebecca J. Caudill vs. Kenneth W. Caudill, Feb. 1; Midland Funding LLC vs. Russell Adkins, Feb. 4; Morgan County ARH Hospital vs. David Leigh Collins, Feb. 4; Capital One Bank vs. Caryl D. Frisby, Feb. 5; First Financial Credit vs. Jason Pratt, Feb. 5; Kentucky Farmers Bank vs. Sarah Senters, Feb. 5; Midland Funding LLC vs. Lovell Gibbs.

New small claims cases – Woodrow Pete Adkins vs. Chris Williams, Feb. 4; Ernest Powell #142679 vs. EKCC.

ARRAIGNMENTS
Lola M. Cheek – pre-paid.
Marita G. Clark – pled guilty, \$500.

Lula M. Combs – theft by deception including cold checks under \$300 – pled guilty, \$25.

Virgil W. Dermon IV – speeding 15 mph over limit – pre-paid.

Jessie A. Hawkins – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance – pre-trial conference March 25.

Terry L. Moore – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – pre-trial conference March 25.

Christopher C. Newman – assault (fourth degree domestic violence; no visible injury) – pled guilty.

Patricia C. Ratliff – operating a vehicle with expired operator's license, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – pre-trial conference Feb. 26.

Jessica L. Robbins – assault (fourth degree domestic violence; minor injury) – pre-trial conference Feb. 26.

Daniel N. Whitt – operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – rescheduled Feb. 26.

James C. Gillespie – burglary (third degree) – preliminary hearing Feb. 12.

Pre-trial conference – Denzil L. Lewis – flagrant non-support – rescheduled Feb. 12.

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Pre-trial conference – Cassie Chaney – theft by deception including cold checks under \$300 (three counts) – pled guilty, \$25.

Pre-trial conference – Rachel Fyffe – theft by failure to make required disposition of property under \$300 – bench warrant \$500.

Pre-trial conference – Dorothy B. Gilliam – possession of a controlled substance (two counts, third degree; first offense, drug unspecified), controlled substance prescription not in original container – pled guilty, 90 days with conditional discharge.

Pre-trial conference – Tamela S. Lewis – speeding 16 mph over limit – pled guilty, referred to state traffic school.

Pre-trial conference – Norvin Mayberry – failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – pre-trial conference March 4.

Pre-trial conference – Ronald Edgar Sanders – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, possessio of a controlled substance, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, controlled substance prescription not in original container – pre-trial conference Feb. 26.

Laden Ferguson – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – pled guilty, \$200, loss of license for 30 days.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS
Kevin Mays and Marsha, to Anthony Bailey and Anleria, 40 acres, more or less, on Sugar Camp Br., \$30,000.

Richard Crossley and Nancy, to Troy Crossley and Geraldine, located on Nickell Br., \$1 cash in hand paid.

Arnold Keeton and Lena, to Scottie Keeton and Susie, 2 tracts on Elkfork, \$30,000.

Murph Prater and Carrie, to Commonwealth of Ky., 0.4408

acres along 460 between Bryant Fork and Ezel, \$11,500.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Randy Williams, Morgan County Court Clerk, has issued the following marriage licenses.

Lisa M. Dulin, 19, of West Liberty, daughter of Deborah Dulin and Arlis Dulin, Jr., to Christopher J. Howard, Jr., 19, of Ezel, son of Kimberly Jean Dagnan and Christopher J. Howard, Sr.

Linda Barker Whitt, 27, of West Liberty, daughter of Joney Dulin Barker and Harold, to David Wayne Haney, 45, of West Liberty, son of Daisy Cole Haney and Albert.

Beverly Sue Thomas, 47, of Wittenessville, Ky., daughter of Ora Jean Dials and Elmer, to Jerry Lynn Fugate, 55, of Ezel, son of Grace Owen Fugate and Cummings Alec Fugate.

Gardener's Toolbox classes ongoing at Extension Office

A series of workshops introducing gardening basics and updates on various topics. Samples will also be provided to promote healthy living and nutritious eating.

Fill your toolbox with your choices – any or all. Participants who attend eight out of 12 workshops, which began Feb. 7, will receive a special gardener's gift at the conclusion.

All classes will held in the Morgan County Extension Service downstairs meeting room.

Feel free to bring your lunch and learn while you dine from 12-

1 p.m.
Feb. 21 – *Herbs*. From dill to sage, discover growing tips and sample the fresh goodness of herbs.

March 6 – *Grafting Fruit Trees*. Local grafters will show you how to start new apple trees through this time honored tradition. You will love the results. All supplies provided.

March 20 – *Strawberry Production*. Yum! Find out how to plant, grow and harvest this wonderful favorite.

March 27 – *Gardening for Birds & Butterflies*. Discover

plants and other tactics attract these beautiful beings to add to your gardening joy.

April 3 – *Heirloom Seed Saving*. It is important to think about seed saving at the beginning of the season, rather than the end. Learn how to successfully keep this art alive!

April 17 – *Basics of Landscape Design*. This often confusing topic will be broken down to help you understand the design, installation and maintenance steps key to creating the setting of your dreams.

May 1 – *Organic Gardening*. Master gardeners will discuss various approaches to organic gardening and how you can take steps to improve the quality of your food supply.

May 15 – *All About Tomatoes*. From planting and pruning to disease management and harvest, this how-to class is a must for growing this garden favorite.

July 31 – *Preserving Your Garden Goodness*. Learn about the various methods of preserving your harvest. Canning, freezing and drying tips will be demonstrated.

Aug. 7 and 21 – Topics to be announced.

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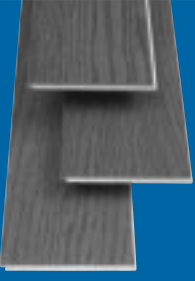
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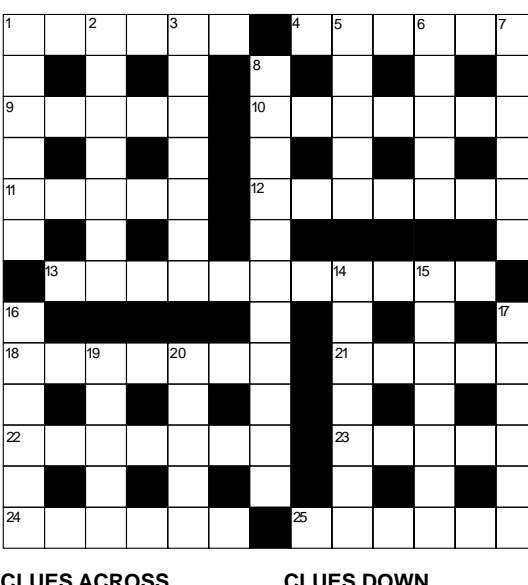
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- In general terms, watch the heart
 - Material found in a yard sale
 - African antelope
 - Type of thief
 - It happens that the first lady appears before the New Testament
 - A gradual absorption
 - Cut up flesh that's neither fish nor fowl (7, 4)
 - Enclosed garden that is sure to produce an annual windfall
 - Fleet
 - Look for gold on a romantic vessel
 - Time, for example, to change and say yes
 - Tell the tale about the other tale
 - Danish seaport
- CLUES DOWN**
- Fire-raising agent can turn red
 - Type of castle
 - Adaptable
 - Region in India that looks like a missile
 - Parts
 - Cadaver
 - Twisted board in underhand transaction (7, 4)
 - Siren housed in a rimmed contraption
 - Tablet
 - Large eel
 - Stick the ad in this spot
 - Passage for food
 - Engaged in a boxing match

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Kiwanians Tour Community Center

The West Liberty Kiwanis Club enjoyed lunch and a special program conducted by Kiwanis Club President Tim Conley including a tour of the Community Center and its Wellness Center on Feb. 11. Club members also participated in a demonstration of the Community Center's new Nintendo Wii interactive video games.

U.S. Cattle market may no longer be cyclical, report says

Feb. 7 — For those who grew up raising cattle, there was one overarching rule of the business: Sometimes it was up, sometimes it was down. The cattle market ran in cycles. Perhaps no more. "The days of fairly predictable cycles could be over, agribusiness financial services provider Rabobank said in a report on the U.S. beef industry,"

writes Janie Gabbett for Meatingplace, a magazine for the red-meat industry.

"The report noted that the last identifiable cycle for the U.S. beef cow herd occurred between 1981 and 1995," Gabbett writes. "Since then, the beef cow herd has been declining, even as more beef has been produced through increased slaughter weights." The report said, "It is now possible to argue that the traditional cattle cycle may have been permanently replaced. It would appear that significant changes in the beef cow herd during the cattle cycle are a trend of the past."

Supporting those observations is Rabobank's prediction that "The U.S cattle inventory will likely remain flat through the end of the decade."

—Ky. Institute for Rural Journalism

Morgan ARH Home Health Agency among nation's elite

WEST LIBERTY, Feb. 11 — Appalachian Regional Healthcare announced today that the Morgan County ARH Home Health Agency along with two of the chain's other ARH agencies located in Harlan and Middlesboro have received the honor of being named among the most successful Medicare-certified home health care agencies in the 2007 HomeCare Elite.

Rhonda Dixon, director of Morgan County Home Health, said "The 2007 HomeCare Elite is the compilation of the most successful home care providers in the nation. Our team of nurses, aides, therapists and medical social services work very hard and I'm proud of them for receiving such an honor. Their dedication and commitment to providing good quality care has prevailed."

The recently released 2007 HomeCare Elite annual review identifies the top 25 percent of agencies, ranked by an analysis of performance measures in qual-

ity outcomes, quality improvement and financial performance.

Les Rogers, CEO of ARH Home Services said the ARH Home Health Agencies' inclusion among the nation's HomeCare Elite confirms the organization's dedication and success in implementing high quality patient care. "Our home health staff works every day to make sure the people of eastern Kentucky and southern West Virginia receive only the best and most compassionate care in the comfort of their homes," Rogers said. "This designation is a direct reflection of that ongoing commitment to quality care."

The 2007 HomeCare Elite is the only performance recognition of its kind in the home health industry. The 2007 HomeCare Elite is brought to the industry by OCS, Inc., the leading provider of healthcare informatics and Decision Health, publisher of home care's most respected independent newsletter Home Health Line.

Gateway District Health Dept. issues flu advisory

Due to numerous reports of flu and flu-like illness in the Gateway area, the health department wants to remind the public to get vaccinated. If you have not already been vaccinated it is not too late. After receiving the vaccine it takes approximately two weeks to acquire immunity. The flu season usually lasts through May in Kentucky.

Who Should Get Vaccinated?

Those who need the vaccine are individuals at high risk for complications from the flu including children ages six months to five years old, pregnant women, people 50 years of age and older, people of any with certain chronic medical conditions, nursing home and hospitalized patients and the staff caring for them, household contacts of persons at high risk for complications, household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than six months of age.

What Is The Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine?

It is a mist sprayed in each nostril and is an option for healthy people two through 49 years of age who are not pregnant.

While getting the flu vaccine each year is the best way to protect you from the flu, there also are drugs that can fight against influenza viruses, offering a second line of defense against the flu. These are antiviral drugs. Antiviral drugs cannot replace the flu vaccine.

What Are Antiviral Drugs?

These are drugs that can be used to treat the flu or to prevent infection with flu viruses. They work by decreasing the ability of flu viruses to reproduce.

When And How Are Antiviral Drugs Used?

Antiviral drugs are used in different settings to treat people where a lot of people at high risk

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of serious flu complications live in close contact, like nursing homes. Antiviral drugs are used to prevent or diminish the symptoms of flu for people who have been in close contact with someone with the flu or for those who did not get the vaccine for various reason. Antiviral drugs are used in the community setting to treat people with the flu to reduce severity of symptoms and reduce the number of days that people are sick.

Who Should Take Antiviral Drugs?

In general, certain antiviral drugs can be offered to anyone one year of age or older who wants to avoid and/or treat the flu. Young children are considered to be a high risk for complications of the flu, therefore should receive these drugs when indicated (i.e., incidence of flu in a family where are there several children).

Additional measures to prevent flu include strict and frequent hand washing, avoiding crowds, respiratory hygiene and observing basic good health habits.

There is still time! Don't get sick, get vaccinated. Call your local health department for an appointment.

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(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

For Sale

Broadway First Church of God has a 1992 Dodge, 15 passenger van for sale, sealed bids will be taken Feb. 14th thru Feb. 24th until 4 p.m. At 5 p.m. bids will be opened and read publicly at Broadway First Church of God. Bids may be mailed to P.O. Box 114, West Liberty, Ky. or hand delivered to parsonage at 682 Broadway St. West Liberty.

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Killer of Tecumseh, the great Indian chief, was a frequent visitor to West Liberty area in early 1800s

By W. Lynn Nickell

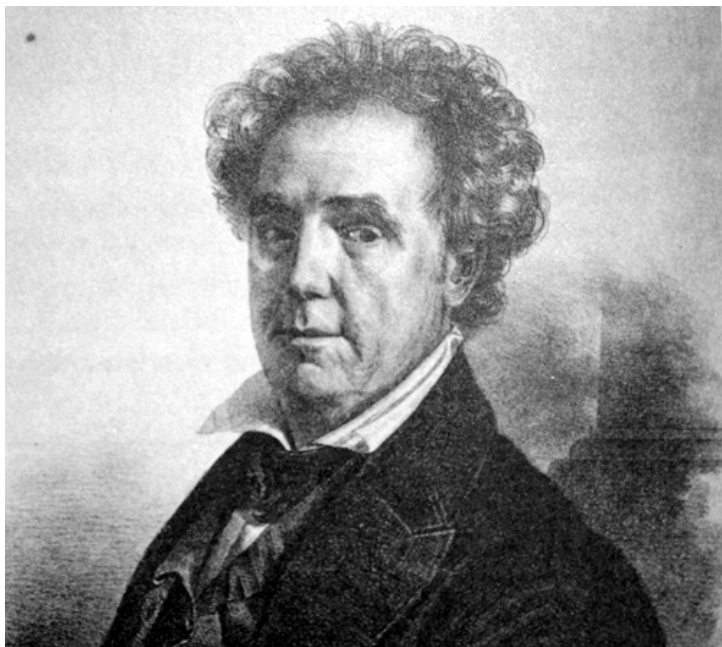
In 1936, Donald F Webb, noted teacher, local historian and genealogist, wrote an article for the LVC in which he stated, "Every patriotic Kentuckian warms at the mention of Col. Richard M. Johnson." In an introduction of my grandfather, S. Monroe Nickell, where he was the main speaker, the master of ceremonies introduced him as, "A prominent lawyer, business man and half-way preacher!" I'm a half-way historian, and couldn't recall who Richard M. Johnson was and why Webb felt we should "warm at the mention of him." I soon found out what I had forgotten from reading articles by Webb and Helen Price Stacy. To refresh your memory as well as mine, Johnson was a state legislator, U.S. Representative and Vice-President of the United States! Now, what has that got to do with Morgan County?

Webb continued on in the article that I was reading, stating that Johnson was the hero of the famous Battle of Thames, against the British, during the War of 1812. According to Webb, he killed the famous Indian Chief Tecumseh! Now cobwebs were beginning to clear out and my dull brain began to function!

Webb mentioned that, Johnson was a frequent visitor to West Liberty, and in fact, to the house of Elder Daniel Williams, who lived, supposedly, on the site of West Liberty. Webb stated, "Tradition which very accurately checks with written history says that Colonel Johnson was personally acquainted with Elder Daniel Williams, pioneer minister and first settler in what is now West Liberty."

In my research of Johnson I found he was from Beargrass, KY and on his numerous trips to Washington would stop at the Elder Williams' house to rest himself and his horse. Webb wrote, "Elder Williams always knew about the time the famous law-maker would be a guest at his home, and would have on hand a goodly supply of venison and bear meat." Webb further stated

THE STORY OF DICK AND DAN



Richard M. Johnson-Vice President of the United States 1837-1841

they were close personal friends and addressed each other as, Dan and Dick!

After a day or two stay with Elder Williams, Johnson would leave for the long trip to Washington, D.C. Williams would send Squire Williams and others of his sons to accompany Johnson to the King Salt Works in Tazewell County, Virginia, and while there they would purchase a supply of salt to bring back.

Is this traditional history full of loopholes like so much traditional history is? According to the Kentucky Encyclopedia, the story by Webb seems to be "right on the money."

Johnson was from Beargrass, a settlement in the area of what is now Louisville. He later moved to Bryan's Station in Fayette County. After attending Transylvania College and studying law at the age of 15, he was later admitted to the bar in Scott County and practiced there. After serving in the General Assembly, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, serving from 1807 until 1819. He was

a Jeffersonian Republican and was commissioned as a Colonel in the Army during the War of 1812. He led a regiment of Kentuckians in the Battle of Thames on October 13, 1813. Even though he was wounded, it is said he killed the great Indian Chief Tecumseh!

Johnson emerged from the battle a hero and the rumor that he killed Tecumseh served to his political advantage. He ended up as Vice-President of the United States, serving with President Martin Van Buren from 1837-41. After serving as Vice President, he later served again in the State Legislature. He had a very illustrious career and Johnson County is named for him.

Johnson was a devout Baptist, hence his possible connection with Elder Daniel Williams. Johnson's political career was hindered somewhat due to his fathering of two girls by a mulatto slave named Julia Chinn. She was given to him as part of his father's estate. He died in 1850 and is buried in Frankfort

Helen Price Stacy used

Webb's article as a basis for her article, *Daniel Williams-A Walk Through History*, printed in *Selections From Morgan County History* by Stacy and Nickell. Arthur Johnson, Bernard Whitt and Joe Nickell have given reference to Daniel Williams having a cabin in what is now West Liberty between 1802-04. Col. John T. Hazelrigg in his address of 1876 states that, "Daniel Williams settled upon the present site of West Liberty about the year 1805." According to Arthur Johnson's, *Early Morgan County*, "Daniel Williams settled in West Liberty in 1804. He built his house near where the bus station now is. There was a spring of water near there. He cleared the ground to plant corn where the courthouse now stands. He preached the first sermon ever delivered in Morgan County." There wasn't a West Liberty per se in 1804 so I would imagine Arthur Johnson was referring to the general area which would have been Floyd County at the time. From my research, mostly oral history, Williams' cabin was in an area where Advance Auto Parts is today.

Daniel Williams founded the South Fork Baptist Church in 1808, the oldest established church in the county. He later moved to the Caney area where he supposedly built a cabin with a chimney built from cannell coal! You guessed it, the cabin burned!! Williams, long time friend of Vice President Johnson, died in 1820.

Throughout the history of Morgan County it has been home of and visited by congressmen, cabinet members, vice-presidents, a president's wife, but to my knowledge, not by a sitting or past president.

Acknowledgements: *Donald Webb; Licking Valley Courier; The Kentucky Encyclopedia; Early Morgan County* by Arthur Johnson; *World Book Encyclopedia; Selections from Morgan County History* by Stacy & Nickell, *America's Vice-Presidents*, by Diana Dixon Healy



Pelfrey Interning With Sen. Stivers

Amber Pelfrey, daughter of Morgan County Circuit Clerk Donna Pelfrey, views the Legislative Record with Sen Robert Stivers (R-Manchester) on the Senate floor. Amber, a junior at Georgetown College, is interning with Sen Stivers during the 2008 General Assembly Session.

WLES students recognized for honor roll, attendance

The following West Liberty Elementary School students have achieved super honor roll, honor roll and perfect attendance status for the second nine-week grading period:

Kindergarten

Mrs. Bradley's class – Alan Hill.

Mrs. Prater's class – Ashton Whitt.

First Grade

Mrs. Fraley's class – Amber Hill.

Mrs. Bowersock's class – Lera Adkins, Chellie Cantrell, Britney Cornett, Jordan Howell and Kandance Lewis.

Second Grade

Mrs. Fugate's class – Ethan Lewis and Brooklyn Jones.

Mrs. Cole's class – Josh Blevins, Johnathan Keeton, Curtis Sanderson, Savannah Wilkerson and Jared Williams.

Third Grade

Super Honor Roll – Laila Ali, Morgan Cantrell, Rachel Elam, Brandon Havens, Byron Holbrook, Benjamin Peyton and Marissa Risner.

Honor Roll – Kali Blythe, Bo Brooks, Ronnie Jean Campbell, Madison Fannin, Kraig Helton, Brian Lewis, Morgan Markwell, Liam Rosselot and Jared Sexton.

Perfect Attendance – Destiny Basham, Morgan Cantrell, Rachel Elam, Taylor Ferguson, Byron Holbrook, Nathan Kidd, Brian

Lewis, Benjamin Peyton, Matthew Sexton and Sarah Whitt.

Fourth Grade

Super Honor Roll – Caitlin Easterling, Graham Lewis, Jordan Perry and Justin Sargent.

Honor Roll – Brandon Adams, Jacob Adkins, Arianna Arnett, Abby Damron, Astra Helton, Kindra Hembree, Hannah Lyon and Jimmy McClure.

Perfect Attendance – Graham Lewis, Nancy Lewis, Abigail Casteel, Brandon Griffith, Astra Helton, Jacob Howell, Chris Reynolds and Hailee Wilson.

Fifth Grade

Super Honor Roll – Becky Cook, Kalyn Henson, Kristin Humble, Amberlee Markwell, Kordell Smith and Anela Woody.

Honor Roll – Jordan Adkins, Andrew Arnett, Madison Ball, Braxton Bailey, Lexie Bonner, Jerria Cantrell, Nathan Casteel, Sydney Caudill, Taylor Hill, A.J. Keeton, Stephen Lacy, Aaron Lewis, Jordan Lewis, Katie Lewis, Kimberly Lewis, Eugene McClure, Wesley Risner and C.J. Whitt.

Perfect Attendance – Aaron Adams, Darrin Adams, Madison Ball, Tiffany Beene, Lexie Bonner, Jerria Cantrell, Nathan Casteel, Aaron Lewis, Katie Lewis, Erica Lyons, Kordell Smith, C.J. Whitt, Angela Woody, Cheyenne Wright.

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By the National Diabetes Education Program

Diabetes is a hard disease to handle alone. Whether it's helping your sweetheart manage diabetes or easing the burden a family member or friend with diabetes may feel, you want the best for them. If your sweetheart is one of the nearly 21 million Americans with diabetes, you can make a big difference in how well he or she manages the disease by following these tips from the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP).

Help your sweetheart avoid a broken heart. People with diabetes are at an increased risk for heart attack and stroke--the No. 1 cause of early death among people with the disease. However, research shows that the key to reducing the risk of heart attack and stroke in people with diabetes is to manage the ABCs--as measured by the A1C test, Blood pressure, and Cholesterol--three of the major risk factors for heart disease. Good diabetes care includes managing the ABCs of diabetes to help avoid having a heart attack, a stroke, or other problems.

Understand your sweetheart's diabetes. Each person's experience with diabetes is different. Learn about living well with diabetes--attend a class, search online, or ask a health care professional. Find out what your sweetheart needs by asking what things are hard for him or her to manage and what things are easy.

Get help. Diabetes affects you too, so talk to your sweetheart about how you can work together to make managing diabetes a positive part of your relationship. Find a diabetes support group online or in the health section of the newspaper. If your sweetheart is sad or depressed, ask a health care professional about ways to get help.

Offer practical support. Pre-

pare a healthy, candle-lit meal by baking, broiling, or grilling an entree that is low in saturated fats, trans fats, cholesterol, salt (sodium), and added sugars. Be active together by taking a romantic walk in the park or around town and work up to 30 to 60 minutes of physical activity on most days of the week. involve your family in a variety of physical activity by joining a community program like the YMCA. Foot care is also important for people with diabetes. Make a gift basket that includes nail clippers, a pumice stone, an emery board, skin lotion, lightly padded socks, and slippers to help your sweetheart properly care for his or her feet.

The best gift you can give your sweetheart is love, support, and knowledge of how to manage diabetes so you can live a long, healthy life together! To learn more about diabetes, its link to heart disease, and how to help a loved one, order your free copies of Tips for Helping a Person with Diabetes by contacting the National Diabetes Education Program at www.YourDiabetesInfo.org or 1-888-693-NDEP (6337).

HAPPY VALENTINE

Blaze - Kendra - Danielle
Love Mommy

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"Somebody Loves You"

Somebody loves you more than you know, somebody goes with you wherever you go. Somebody really and truly cares and lovingly listens to all of your prayers. Don't doubt for a minute that this is not true, for God loves his children and takes care of them too, and all of his treasurer's are yours to share if you love Him completely, and show Him you care and if you walk in His foot steps and have the faith to believe, there's nothing you ask for that you will not receive God loves you and He shows it too, why else would He put so much niceness in you.

Submitted by Alpha Clevenger
Dedicated to Dempsey Clevenger for his birthday which was Feb. 3rd and for Barry and Joy, my three children, and my grandchildren whom I love, cherish and adore. God bless you.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

AA meetings slated for each Sunday evening

AA meetings are being held each Sunday at 8 p.m. in the conference room at the county government building. For more information or directions, call 606-743-1210.

Morgan Christian Acad. needs old cell phones and ink cartridges

The Morgan County Christian Academy is collecting used, no longer needed, cell phones and used printer cartridges. The Academy is doing this as an effort to recycle. So please, if you have any used cell phones or ink cartridges, call the school at 743-1824 or drop them off at the school at Index. C-8-23-tf

Sunday school class at Tom's Branch Church

Tom's Branch Community Church is proud to announce Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a.m., under the direction of Brother Ronnie Poe. We would like to invite everyone to come out and bring the children that they may learn about Jesus in a fun filled atmosphere.

Morgan Co. schools homework hotline

Morgan County schools homework hotline numbers are as follows: Morgan County Middle School, 743-8118; East Valley Elementary School, 522-8185; Etzel Elementary School, 725-8208; Morgan Central Elementary School, 743-8433; and West Liberty Elementary School, 743-8427.

Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed for the Morgan County History Museum. We need volunteers that can work a few hours a week at the museum. Days needed—Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We are open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Any help will be appreciated. C-8-16-tf

Bluegrass music at Blackwater Fire Dept.

Come and enjoy bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music at the Blackwater Volunteer Fire Department each Thursday evening, beginning at 7 p.m. Donations are accepted at the door. Come out and support your local volunteer.

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Service times at Seventh Day Adventist Church

The Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1266 E. Main Street, in Jackson, meets at 10 a.m. for Saturday worship, and at 6 p.m. for Tuesday Bible study. Everyone welcome. C-1-8-tf

Winter clothing sale at Christian Social Services

Christian Social Services is having a winter clothing sale beginning February 7th. All winter coats are \$1. All jeans are 50 cents, all other clothing (mens, womens and childrens) 25 cents per item. Located in old post office building across the street from McKenzie's Shopwise. C-2-7-2t

Parent Teacher Conf. at MCHS slated Feb. 20th

Parent Teacher Conference at Morgan County High School on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. All parents and guardians of high school students are encouraged to attend. Dinner will be served to families attending. C-2-7-2t

Morgan Co. Extension Homemakers Council meet.

The Morgan County Extension Homemaker Council will meet on Tuesday, March 4, beginning at 6 p.m. All council members and officers are encouraged to attend. This meeting is open to all regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin. C-2-7-2t

Gateway WIA program offering following services

Between the ages of 18-21? Ready to make a difference in your life? The Gateway WIA program is now offering the following services to residents of Morgan and Menifee Counties: Work Readiness Skills, Attending College for short term training, Life skills training, Obtaining work experience, Parenting skills, Financial planning. If interested call Karen at (606) 743-4141, ext. 101 today to see if you qualify.

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Attention women ages 40-64

If you are a Kentucky resident, have no insurance, if you have never had a mammogram or it has been two years or more since your last mammogram, you may qualify for a screening and will receive a \$10 Wal Mart card to spend how you wish. Call Morgan County Health Department at 743-3744, and ask for an appointment today!! Funding provided by: Kentucky Cancer Progra, Susan G. Komen and Gateway District Health Department.

Attention Morgan County Veterans

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the Morgan County Office Building in West Liberty, on Thursday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. until noon. Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for federal and state veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free 1-866-244-8970 to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

Berachah Valley Singers to be at Daysboro Feb. 16

The Berachah Valley Singers, of Ohio, will be the featured singers during the monthly singing, Saturday, Feb. 16, at Daysboro Church of Christ. Cathy Oldfield Baker and husband, Willis, are members of this singing group. Mrs. Baker is a niece of Mrs. Betty Nickell, of Daysboro, and granddaughter of the late Luther and Nora Oldfield. The song service will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a potluck meal. The pastor, Bro. David Hinton, and congregation invite everyone to attend. C-2-7-2t

Singing at Blaze Church Sat. Feb. 23

There will be a singing at Blaze Community Church on Saturday, Feb. 23, beginning at 7 p.m. Featured singers will be the gospel singing group "On A Journey". The pastor, Bro. Vernon Lewis, and congregation welcome everyone. C-2-7-3t

Morgan Co. Extension District Bde. meet. Feb. 21

The Morgan County Extension District Board will meet Thursday, Feb. 21, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the library of the Morgan County Extension Office. This meeting will include budget planning for 2008-09 as well as other business of the board. All district board members are encouraged to attend. If you have questions, contact Nellie Buchanan, Morgan County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, Fiscal Contact. C-2-7-2t

Morgan Co. Homemakers International meet. slated

Morgan County Extension Homemakers international Committee will meet Friday, Feb. 15, beginning at 9 a.m. in the library of the Morgan County Extension Office. All committee members and/or club representatives are encouraged to attend. C-2-7-2t

Homemakers to host Internat'l Study, Dinner

Morgan County Extension Homemakers will host their annual international study and dinner on Friday evening, Feb. 29. The dinner is open to anyone interested and visitors are most welcome. The study for 2008 will be on Finland and the dinner will feature many Finnish dishes. Join the Morgan County Extension Homemakers in the conference room (downstairs) of the Morgan County Extension Office beginning at 6 p.m. on Feb. 29. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend. C-2-7-4t

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Giving Life to Old Pastimes workshop

Explore the history and significance of old pastimes, such as various types of needlework (such as embroidery, cross stitch, knitting, quilting, crochet, tatting and needle point). Think about learning these skills and sharing them with young people. This workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 5, at 1:30 p.m. C-2-7-4t

Morgan Co. Extension Homemakers Council meet.

The Morgan County Extension Homemaker Council will meet on Tuesday, March 4, beginning at 6 p.m. All council members and officers are encouraged to attend. This meeting is open to all regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin. C-2-7-2t

Commercial Bank to be closed Monday, Feb. 18

Commercial Bank will be closed Monday, Feb. 18, in observance of Presidents' Day. Regular banking hours will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 19. C-2-7-2t

Gateway Bde. of Directors Feb. meeting is cancelled

The Board of Directors of the Gateway Area Development District will not have a Board of Directors meeting in February. Our next regular monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, March 25, at 10 a.m. (E.ST) at the GADD office, 110 Lake Park Drive, Morehead, Ky. For more information, contact Gail Wright at gailk.wright@ky.gov or Shannon Stull at Shannon.stull@ky.gov, (606) 780-0090, Ext. 2108 or 2109. C-2-7-2t

Angel Food orders due February 17

Orders are now being taken for the February menu. You can order at Assembly of Faith Church, 5578 Highway 519, before/after any church service, or on Friday, Feb. 15, from 3 to 6 p.m., and Saturday morning, Feb. 16, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The February Menu is \$30 and you receive the following: 1.25 lb. Sirloin Strip Steaks (4x5 oz.), 2 lb Salisbury Steak Dinner entree, 2 lb. Split Chicken Breast, 2 lb. Breaded Chicken Breasts Fillets, 1.5 lb. Meaty Beef Ribs, 1.5 lb. Pork Chops (4x6 oz.), 12 oz. Philly Steak Portions, 12 oz. Peanut Butter, 4 oz. Chicken Noodle Soup (makes 64 oz.), 9 oz. Frosted Corn Flakes, 16 oz. Fresh Frozen Corn, 16 oz. Frozen Fresh Carrots, 2 lb. Fresh Onions, 2 lb. Fresh Potatoes, 15 oz. Sliced Pears, 1 lb. Black Eyed Peas, and 1 Dessert Item. All food is fresh and frozen restaurant quality food, not stale or out-dated.

The following specials are available with the purchase of a regular unit. Special #1: 6.5 lb. Steak/Meat Combo \$20, consist of 1.5 lb. Bone-in Ribeye Steaks (2x12 oz.), 1.5 lb Bone-in New York Strip Steak (2x12oz.), 2 lb Lean Hamburger Steaks (4x8 oz.), 1.5 lb Mild Italian Sausage. Special #2: 3.75 lb. Prime Rib Steak Box \$19, consist of 3.75 lb. Prime Rib Steaks (6x10 oz.). Special #3: 10 lb. Chicken Combo Box \$18, consist of 2 lb. Breaded Frying Chicken, 2 lb. Chicken Tenders, 2 lb. Chicken Wings, 2 lb. Grilled Individually Quick Frozen Chicken Breasts, 2 lb. Chicken Breast Chunks.

Deadline for ordering the February menu is Sunday, Feb. 17, at 1:30 p.m. Pickup day for February menu will be Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m.-12 noon. We accept cash, money orders, checks, and EBT cards. Delivery is available to shut-ins and senior citizens. For more information about order/delivery times or getting an order form, please contact Sherry Keeton, 743-1563 or 743-4239, Linda Adkins, 743-4057, Joyce Cantrell, 743-2706, Sue Ison, 743-1171, or the church at 743-4555. Angel Food Ministry is a non-profit and non-denominational food ministry that serves everyone, no income guidelines or long term commitments.

Bank of Mountains to be closed Feb. 18

Bank of the Mountains will be closed on Monday, Feb. 18, for Presidents Day.

Whitetails Unlimited fundraising banquet scheduled for Feb. 16

Whitetails Unlimited is sponsoring the Morgan County Deer Hunters Whitetails Unlimited Fundraising Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Morgan County High School, 150 Road to Success Lane, West Liberty. This special event will feature a dinner, auction, door prizes, sporting equipment, limited edition wildlife and outdoor art, and WTU collectibles. Proceeds from this fundraising banquet will go toward youth and conservation projects in Morgan County.

The social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each, \$20 for a spouse, or \$20 for juniors 15 and under. There is a February 13th deadline for tickets, and tickets will not be sold at the door.

To order tickets call Lee Hampton at (606) 743-9267 evenings, Randy Maxey at (606) 725-5240, or WTU National Headquarters at 800-274-5471, or go online at www.whitetailsunlimited.com.

Whitetails Unlimited, Inc. is a national, nonprofit, conservation organization, with members in all 50 states that strongly believes in working with its local chapters in addressing local, state and national issues involving whitetail deer and their habitat. Unique among conservation organizations, Whitetails Unlimited returns 50 percent of net event proceeds to the local chapter to use on local conservation projects. For more information on Whitetails Unlimited please visit our website at www.whitetailsunlimited.com

Farmers Market meet scheduled February 25

The Morgan County Farmers Market will have its first meeting Monday, Feb. 25, a 5:00 p.m. in the basement of the County Extension Service Office. The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested in selling garden vegetables and fruit for the 2008 season is urged to attend. New enrollments for the Morgan County Farmers Market will be open from Feb. 25-April 28. Anyone interested in becoming a member must do so at the market meeting. For more information, contact Karen Wright at 606-522-3758 after 6:00 p.m. or Wanda Hamilton at 606-522-4527. C-2-7-3t

Special one night service at House of Prayer Feb. 17

There will be a special one night service at the House of Prayer, Sunday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m., with special guest, La Verne and Edith Tripp. La Verne was voted male vocalist of the year. He was nominated eight times for the coveted Dove award. La Verne and Edith hosted the Praise the Lord Program on the Trinity Broadcasting network. La Verne's song, "We've got the Power", is sung by the church around the world. In 2001 C.C.M.A. presented La Verne with The Living Legend Award at the Ryman Auditorium, in Nashville, Tennessee. Everyone is invited this special service. Free will offering. The church is located at 600 Whispering Oaks, 1/2 mile off Hwy 801, Morehead, Ky. for more information, call (606) 784-7023 Bro. Winston McClurg, Pastor.

The Shepherds to be at House of Prayer Feb. 21

You are invited to a Worship Experience featuring the National known group, The Shepherds. Quint Shepherd will be ministering the word with special music by The Shepherds. The Shepherds will be performing such radio hits as *A Black Heart*, *On My Way To A Miracle*, *On My Knees*, and their signature song *There's A Miracle In The Making*, just to name a few. The Shepherds have appeared on T.B.N.-Praise The Lord and the Daystar Television Network. Come be a part of this worship experience at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the House of Prayer, 600 Whispering Oaks, Morehead. For more information phone Pastor Winston McClurg, (606) 784-7023.

4-H Shooting Sports enrollments begin Mar. 3

Enrollments for the 4-H Shooting Sports Club will take place starting March 3 at the Morgan County Extension Office at 5 p.m. Membership fee is \$20 and can be paid by installments and the club is open to youth, ages 9-19. There are five disciplines that youth can choose from and those are shotgun (trap), rifle, pistol, archery, and muzzle loading. All shooting sports coaches have attended a certified training and understand the importance of youth development. If you are interested in joining or would like more information please contact the Extension office at 743-3292. There will be more detail information posted at a later time. C-2-14-3t

Morgan Co. Extension Council meeting Feb. 25

There will be a County Extension Council meeting on Feb. 25 at the Morgan County Extension Office. Lunch will be provided. Agenda topics will be planning of the annual Farm Home Family Night, budget recommendations, and developing a four year plan to meet the needs of folk in Morgan County. For more information please contact the Morgan County Extension Office at 743-3292.

Spring GED testing dates are announced

The MSU at West Liberty Adult Education and Career Center has set the new Spring GED testing dates. The next test will be given on February 14 and 15, March 13 and 14, and April 17 and 18. The Center will be open on Saturday, March 1, for GED prep classes. If anyone is interested in studying for the test on Saturday, March 1, please call to the center to register. If there is enough interest a possible test may be given on March 15. Call the center to register for the test at 743-1599.

Gospel singing at CountrySide Church

CountrySide Community Church has scheduled a gospel singng for Friday, Feb. 29, beginning at 7 p.m. The featured singers are "Sacred". Refreshments will be served following the singing. Pastor James Hinton and congregation welcome all to come out and enjoy. C-2-14-3t

Fellowship dinner at Tom's Branch Church

There will be a fellowship dinner at Tom's Branch Community Church on Saturday, Feb. 16, beginning at 5 p.m., followed by a worship service at 7 p.m. Heavenly Bound will be the featured singers during the service. Everyone welcome by the pastor, Jeffrey Montgomery, and congregation.

Benefit slated for funeral expenses of Sexton girl

A benefit singing, chili supper, and silent auction has been slated for Saturday, March 1, beginning at 4 p.m., at West Liberty Elementary School to raise money to help with burial expenses of Samantha Sexton. Eighteen-year-old Samantha died January 2 following an extended illness. She was a daughter of Timothy Sexton and Peggy Moore, and was raised by her paternal grandparents, Charles and Mary Catherine Sexton. Due to Samantha having down-syndrome, the family was denied the opportunity to get life insurance for her. Your support is needed to help pay for funeral expenses. Any donation or contribution will be greatly appreciated. The Faithways will be singing. If you have questions, or to make a donation, please call Helen Lewis, 743-7114, or Denine Sargent, (606) 776-2108, C-2-14-3t

World Day of Prayer events at Methodist Ch.

The World Day of Prayer meetings and practice will take place at the West Liberty United Methodist Church on Mondays in February. I hope that your church will be represented in this world wide event.

Missionary Prayer Band to meet Sunday, Feb. 17

The Morgan County Area Missionary Prayer Band is scheduled to meet this Sunday, Feb. 17, at 5:30 p.m., in Index Community Church. Become a vital part of The Great Commission; help choose an area to serve.

4-H Livestock Club meeting set Feb. 21

4-H Livestock Club to meet February 21, at 6 p.m., at the Morgan County Extension Office. This club is open to any youth in Morgan County that is interested in learning more about Livestock (Beef, Dairy, Goats, Swine, and Sheep). The club focuses on learning different breeds, meat cuts, identifying the structure parts and much more. There is no cost and refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Kim Cox at 743-3292.

Little League Football Assn. meeting set Feb. 17

There will be a Little League Football Association meeting on Sunday, Feb. 17, at 5 p.m., at the Cougar Den. Coaches need to turn

Mt. Telephone Relay for Life Fundraiser Feb. 22

Olan Mills will be taking pictures at Mountain Telephone Thursday and Friday, Feb. 21-22. All proceeds from this event will go to Relay For Life. For additional information or to schedule an appointment for photographs call 743-3121.

Herb and Garden Days at Blue Licks Mar. 14

Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park will host Herb and Garden Days on Friday, Mar. 14, and Saturday, Mar. 15. A reception will be held on Friday, from 7 to 9 p.m., for vendors and early bird patrons. The vendor hall will be open on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Herbal Products and Crafts, Gardening Products, Door Prizes (Saturday), and an Authors Forum including Stephen Lee—The Herbmeister and Karen Angelucci. There will be a number of guest speakers present for this event which is being sponsored by Kentucky Herb Association. Call Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park at 800-443-7008 to make reservations. For more information see website: www.kyherb.com, or Sue Washburn at (502) 535-6885. C-2-14-3t

4-H Council meeting set February 21st

The 4-H Council meeting is set for February 21, at 12 p.m., at the Morgan County Extension Office. The 4-H Council will be planning out activities and programs offered in 4-H for Morgan County. For more information about how to get involved please contact the Extension office at 743-3292.

Fair Board meeting slated Monday, Mar. 3

Morgan County Fair Board meeting is slated for Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m., in the Morgan County Cooperative Extension Office (upper level). Everyone welcome. C-2-14-3t

MSU students to rally in Frankfort on February 20

MOREHEAD, Ky.—Morehead State University students will join other collegians in voicing their continuing concerns about higher education and its escalating costs at a rally in Frankfort on Wednesday, Feb. 20. Buses will load at 7:45 a.m. in the Cartmell Hall/Laughlin Health Building parking lot on campus on the morning of the annual rally, according to Brian N. Gay, Cincinnati graduate student and president of MSU's Student Government Association. The main rally will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the rotunda of the Capitol building.

"Every year college students gather in Frankfort for the rally. But this year, students have more at stake than ever before," said Gay. "I believe MSU students have traditionally had the strongest presence at the rally because many of our students are putting themselves through school. We know that a tuition increase today means going without something else tomorrow."

Students who attend the rally will be given the opportunity to meet with legislators who influence tuition rates and other issues. There is no charge to ride the bus, and all participating MSU students will be provided with a free lunch. However, reservations are necessary for all those planning to attend to guarantee food and seat availability.

Registration is available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/sga. Participants will be given a letter confirming their attendance at the conclusion of the rally.

Another opportunity for students to impact legislators' actions will be held on campus on Tuesday, Feb. 12 and 18—"Listen Up Legislators." Coordinated by SGA, students may send an e-mail or make a phone call to their individual government representatives from the second floor of the Adron Doran University Center. SGA members will be on hand to assist students with speaking points and other tools.

Additional information is available by calling the SGA office at (606) 783-2298.

Counties eligible to apply for grants to plan development

Thirty-two Southern and Eastern Kentucky counties, including Morgan, are eligible to apply for funding assistance in the form of mini-grants for community projects that encourage and support improved community strategic planning and implementation. The Center for Rural Development in Somerset is accepting applications through its Developing and Implementing Community Strategies program. Funding is provided by ARC. Applications for the first cycle of project funding are due by Friday, Feb. 29, for the project period of Apr. 7 through Oct. 6, 2008.

The list of community projects approved for funding is scheduled to be announced on Apr. 1. Applications for the first cycle of project funding are due by Friday, Feb. 29, for the project period of Apr. 7 through Oct. 6, 2008. The list of community projects approved for funding is scheduled to be announced on Apr. 1.

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Morgan County Technology Student Association dynasty continues

The Morgan County Technology Student Association (MCTSA) chapter continued its regional dominance at the annual Eastern Kentucky Technology Education Association (EKTEA) TSA Regional Competition, held at Morehead State University on February 1. The MSU Industrial Engineering and Technology Department hosted the competition in which over 250 students competed from the Eastern Kentucky Region of the Kentucky Technology Student Association (KTSA).

MCTSA members earned nine first place awards, one second place award, and five third place awards. The chapter also earned advancement to the KTSA State competition scheduled for March 20-22 in Louisville.

MCTSA Chapter Officer Colby Jones said, "I am very pleased with the success that we had at the regional competition. Now our goals are focused on continuing our success at the state level."

1st Place Winners:
Internal Bridge Competition — Ryan Buckler
3D CADD Engineering — Ryan Buckler

EKTEA Logo Contest —
Ryan Buckler
Technical Sketching & Application — Darren Keeton
Promotional Graphics — John Blevins
Technology Bowl — (Team of Colby Jones, Joshua Perry, Dane Cravens)
Robotics — (Team of Zach Hance & Curtis Conley)
Cyberspace Pursuit — (Team of Ryan Buckler & Ashley Buckler)
Dragster Design Show — Patrick Cantrell.

2nd Place Winners:
Film Technology — (Team of Jonathan Cottle & Curtis Conley)

3rd Place Winners:
Promotional Graphics — Ryan Buckler

2D CADD Architectural — Marybeth Harmon

Technical Sketching & Application — Jonathan Cottle

Video Game Design — (Team of Patrick Cantrell & Zach Howell)

Technology Bowl — (Team of Jacob Patrick, Hunter Fraley, Jared Curd).

Other Members Competing:
Amanda Adkins, Olivia Akers.



Zach Hance, Curtis Conley



Ryan Buckler



Ashley Buckler, Ryan Buckler



Patrick Cantrell



Marybeth Harmon



Jonathan Cottle



John Blevins



Darren Keeton



Jonathan Cottle, Curtis Conley



Zach Howell, Patrick Cantrell



Hunter Fraley, Jared Curd, Jacob Patrick



Amanda Adkins, Olivia Akers



Colby Jones, Joshua Perry, Dane Cravens

Water Main ...

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was a large tree which had washed out of the bank against the broken pipe. Risner Construction Co., was called to assist and used an excavator to remove the tree and help shore the pipe while the divers and city workers worked to replace the pipe.

A state of emergency was declared Saturday afternoon by County Judge Executive Tim Conley and county and city volunteer fire departments began hauling water to the hospital and nursing home in West Liberty. Fire department tanker trucks were also stationed on Main Street to dispense water to residents who brought jugs to the site to be filled and the American Red Cross brought drinking water to

dispense to those in need. Firetrucks from rural departments also stood by in case of fire. Fortunately, no fires occurred during the crisis.

Steve Pelfrey, maintenance superintendent for the county water district, was eventually able to reroute water from the county's lines west of West Liberty to supply enough water to meet the needs of the ARH Hospital and West Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. But at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, water mains in even the lowest lying areas of remainder of West Liberty on the east side of the river were completely dry, and an emergency standby plan to backflow water from the 1 million gallon water tank at the prison on Index Hill into the Johnson Hill tank to meet fire emergencies was thwarted by a faulty valve at the foot of the hill near the D C Drive Thru.

That valve was repaired Monday and is now operable, officials said.

The city's old water treatment plant at Twenty-Two Hollow, which is being refurbished to serve as a backup to offset just such emergencies as occurred

over the weekend, was of no help. It is in the process of being renovated and is presently inoperable.

Randy Risner of Risner Construction Co., whose workers assisted city employees in continuing efforts Monday to fill and shore up the washed out segment of riverbank where the break occurred, said another leak had occurred in the line around a fitting securing the new pipe, but said it was believed that the line would hold until weather conditions permit permanent repairs.

Workers noted, however, that another break is possible because recently-flooded bottom land along the pipeline is soft and unstable.

With the river running swift and muddy at near bank-top levels, temperatures fluctuating between below freezing and up to 45 degrees, work on the soft, muddy stream bank is extremely hazardous. The Morgan County Rescue Squad stationed men and boats near the scene during the height of the crisis to assist in the event anyone fell into the water.

Officials, fully appreciative of the fact that the crisis could have been worse—there were, thankfully, no fires—described the weekend's events as a learning experience.

"There's a silver lining to this," said Judge Executive Conley. The city and county water departments now know exactly how to supply water to the city tank from the county's lines when and if another major break in the city's 18-mile-long transmission line occurs.

The city provides much of the water for the rural lines served by the county water district, but the county district also purchases water from adjacent counties and in most instances, those sources can meet the needs of both the county and city in emergency situations.

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Fiscal Court ...

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get," Campbell said. "Last year our office allowed the court to use \$250,000 of LGED money that will not be available the next fiscal year. We encourage court members to attend upcoming budget workshops and begin work on the next fiscal year's plan."

Campbell also noted that the deadline for the court to enact an insurance premium tax for additional revenue is March 23.

In other business, magistrates heard a legal request from Pike County resident Anita Spears, who sought permission to survey land near Indian Creek in Morgan County that she believes to be unclaimed.

County Attorney Steve O'Connor said he is currently researching whether the land survey must be performed by the county surveyor or by any surveyor of Spears's choice, and will contact the Kentucky attorney general's office to hasten a legal opinion.

Court members opted to revisit the land survey situation when the attorney general's opinion is issued.

Before adjournment, the court awarded a bid for portable toilet service at the garbage transfer station to low bidder Arnold's Royal Flush Septic Service at \$75 per month, and declared a former Rescue Squad boat surplus.

Court members present were magistrates Denzil Potter, Randy Cantrell, Stanley Riggsby, Frankie Spencer and Burton Stacy, Judge Executive Tim Conley, Treasurer Tommy Phipps and Attorney Steve O'Connor.

The next fiscal court meeting will be at the regularly scheduled time of 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, in the conference room at the county government

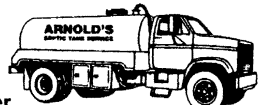
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COURIER SPORTS

Lady Cougars fall at Russell, bounce back to beat Paintsville

By David Patrick

Russell – 43
Morgan County – 37

Kelsey Simpson's game-high 19 points offset 17 points from Leslie Eagle as Russell beat the visiting Lady Cougars, 43-37.

Eagle and Hannah Fugate combined for all seven of their team's points in the first quarter as Morgan County held a 7-6 lead. Fugate and Lara Hembree hit three-pointers in the second quarter for a 17-16 Lady Cougar advantage.

But Russell took control in a big way after intermission. Simpson scored six points and Kayla Parsley added seven as the Lady Red Devils outscored Morgan 15-5 to take a 31-22 lead.

The Lady Cougars were able to cut into the deficit in the final period thanks to nine points from Eagle and a three-point basket by Alyssa Dulen. However, Russell's Samantha Sparks hit five of six free-throws down the stretch to close out the six-point win.

Fugate scored eight points for Morgan, while Dulen and Hembree finished with six apiece.

Sparks and Parsley scored 10 and nine points, respectively, for Russell.

Morgan County – 51
Paintsville – 49

Leslie Eagle and Alyssa Dulen

scored 12 points each as the Lady Cougars beat host Paintsville, 51-49.

Although Eagle and Dulen were Morgan's high point players, they did so without being in the starting lineup. Fact is, Coach Jeff Brown benched his starters in favor of his junior varsity lineup – Tessa Henry, Monica McCowan, Faith Slone, Brittany Stamper and Lara Hembree.

"I had been disappointed in the effort being given by some of my players," Brown said. "It wasn't an easy decision, but sometimes you have to do what's necessary to send a message."

That message was not only sent, but also received. After falling down 9-1 midway through the opening period, Brown inserted his regulars into the game. Four minutes later, Morgan still found itself trailing by 10 after

one quarter. But the Lady Cougars answered with a game-high 19 points in the third period – including a trio of three-point baskets from Hembree to cut the deficit to only two at intermission.

Dulen and Eagle led the charge in the third period, combining for nine points, to help their team to a four-point lead. Fugate, Dulen, Kelly and Eagle each scored field goals in the final eight minutes as the Lady Cougars held on the for the 51-49 win.

"We needed our starters to come in and play well, and they did that," Brown said. "We have some very talented players on this team, but it's a group that needed a wake-up call. I'm glad everything worked out as it did and we got the win."

Eagle scores 24 as Lady Cougars rout Lawrence Co.

By David Patrick

The Lady Cougars offered a glimpse of their offensive potential, placing 11 players in the scoring column, en route to a 81-50 rout of Lawrence County at Veterans Memorial Gym.

Morgan County pulled away early and showed no mercy on

its way to a 21-5 lead after one quarter. Alyssa Dulen scored eight points in the frame, with Leslie Eagle adding six. Hannah Fugate and Tessa Henry both hit three-point baskets in the second period as Morgan took a commanding 37-20 lead at intermission.

Jeff Brown's team put the game away in the third period, thanks to six points apiece from Fugate and Eagle. Monica McCowan and Kayla Kelly also scored as Morgan stretched its lead to 25. The Lady Cougars then enjoyed a game-high 23 points in the final eight minutes to coast out to the 31-point victory. Eagle scored six in the fourth period, while Monica McCowan converted a three-point shot. Dulen, Fugate, Henry, Brittany Stamper and Marybeth Harmon also hit a field goal apiece for Morgan.

Eagle scored 11 field goals on her way to 24 points. Dulen and Fugate finished with 17 and 14 points, respectively.

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"We're ALL On The Same Team"

Dunn, Ferguson combine for 32 points in victory over Wolfe Co.

By David Patrick

Cameron Dunn tallied 16 points, five rebounds and five assists as the Cougars beat Wolfe County in Campton, 69-62.

Dunn scored 12 of his points of three-point baskets, hitting one in the first quarter, two in the second and another in the third. His seven second period points fueled a 17-8 run to give Morgan a 34-24 lead at the half. The Cougars had led by just one after the opening quarter.

Dunn had plenty of help from forward Brandon Ferguson, who scored in every period on his way to a 16-point night. Tyler Adkins finished with 13, including a per-

fect three-of-three from the 3-point range. Adkins also handed out a team-high six assists with just two turnovers.

The Cougars put Wolfe County on the ropes in the third quarter, outscoring the home team 22-18 to take a 14-point lead. Three-pointers by Adkins, Dunn and Mikie Fyffe led the rally, which also included basket by Ferguson and Stephen Barnett.

Fyffe and Barnett each finished with eight points for Morgan, while Joel Nickell added five. Colby Jones scored three.

Brandon Campbell finished with a game-high 17 for the Wolves.



Photo By Kent Nickell

The Cougars' Joel Nickell (No. 20) gets off a shot against Wolfe County. Nickell scored five points in the win over the Wolves.

– Miranda's Column –

Daytona 500 Preview

By Miranda Cantrell James

NASCAR fans everywhere are eagerly anticipating Sunday's running of the Daytona 500, the prestigious Sprint Cup season opener that will go green with a newly-mandated racecar and heightened speculation around the garage area in addition to the office water cooler.

The 50th Annual Great American Race will mark the winged Car of Tomorrow's debut at Daytona International Speedway, as well as a new beginning at Hendrick Motorsports for Dale Earnhardt Jr., who is arguably the sport's biggest star.

Earnhardt Jr.'s infamously zealous supporters – a.k.a. "Junior Nation" – celebrated his first appearance in victory lane since spring 2006 last Saturday night when the embattled third-generation driver beat Tony Stewart to the checkers in the 30th Annual Budweiser Shootout at Daytona, an exhibition event comprised of the previous season's pole winners.

Many NASCAR commentators and columnists suggest that Earnhardt Jr.'s commanding Budweiser Shootout performance foretells Daytona 500 dominance for Hendrick Motorsports, which is also home to defending series champion

Jimmie Johnson and Junior Nation foe Jeff Gordon, who finished third and fourth respectively.

The evening's second-place finisher could dash the Hendrick camp's hopes for a Daytona 500 win, however. Tony Stewart, NASCAR's most notorious villain since the late Dale Earnhardt, has shown considerable strength on the speed charts throughout Daytona Speedweeks – in a Toyota Camry fielded by Joe Gibbs Racing following the team's controversial abandonment of Chevrolet.

Analysts and fans should also not discount 2007 Daytona 500 winner Kevin Harvick and second-place driver Mark Martin, who battled each other to the stripe in a thrilling side-by-side finish, or last year's unlikely Cup championship contenders Martin Truex Jr. and Clint Bowyer. Racing veteran Dale Jarrett, who will retire this season, is also poised to take a fourth crown jewel victory in his final Daytona 500.

Whether Sunday's winner is a fan favorite or a dark horse pick, he will join the ranks of NASCAR's most legendary figures as the sport's 50th Daytona 500 champion – an illustrious racing triumph competitors and fans will never forget.

Whitetails Unlimited fundraising banquet slated Saturday

Whitetails Unlimited is sponsoring the Morgan County Deer Hunters Whitetails Unlimited Fundraising Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Morgan County High School, 150 Road to Success Lane, West Liberty. This special event will feature a dinner, auction, door prizes, sporting equipment, limited edition wildlife and outdoor art, and WTU collectibles. Proceeds from this fundraising banquet will go toward youth and conservation projects in Morgan County.

The social hour begins at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 each, \$20 for a spouse, or \$20 for juniors 15 and under. There is a February 13th deadline for tickets, and tickets will not be sold at the door.

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Alyssa Dulen

MCHS Girls' Basketball Team:

This week's athlete of the week is senior guard Alyssa Dulen of the MCHS girls' basketball team. Alyssa scored 12 points and had 7 rebounds in a 51-49 victory over Paintsville, and followed up that performance with 17 points and 6 rebounds in an 81-50 victory over Lawrence County. The Lady Cougars are 15-8 with 5 games remaining in the regular season.



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House week in review

By Majority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, and Rep. John Will Stacy

FRANKFORT, Ky., Feb. 8 — Majority Leader Rocky Adkins, (D-Sandy Hook), and Rep. John Will Stacy, (D-West Liberty), said that the House of Representatives' Committee activity was heavy this week as several bills from the House Democrats' Commitment to Kentucky Families' agenda were voted out.

House Bill 55, which passed out of the House Transportation Committee, would require children under the age of 8, and between 40 and 57 inches tall to sit in booster seats when riding in a vehicle. This legislation passed the House last year and died in the Senate.

The House Health and Welfare Committee passed House Bill 396 which adds the HPV vaccine to the immunization requirements of school age children. "Parents or guardians would have the right to refuse that immunization for school age girls after signing a statement saying they understand that a link exists between cervical cancer and the human papillomavirus (HPV) which the vaccine guards against," said Rep. Rocky Adkins.

House Bill 7, which would require that the state create a program to facilitate the importation of safe drugs that provide cost savings to Kentuckians, also

passed the House Health and Welfare Committee.

House Bill 70 would put a constitutional amendment on the next statewide general election ballot allowing voters to decide to restore voting rights for non-violent felons. "Currently, Kentucky and Virginia are the only two states that still do not allow non-violent felons to have their voting rights restored upon completion of their sentences," said Rep. Stacy.

Several bills were voted out of the House of Representatives and are now on their way to the Senate including House Bill 234 which would provide financial compensation for organ donors who incur medical expenses, including giving state employees 30 days of sick time. "The bill would also give \$10,000 tax credits to organ donors who work in the public and private sector to help offset any costs/lost wages actually incurred by the donor," said Rep. Adkins. It passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 94-0.

House Bill 13, which creates the Kentucky Family Trust Program to allow family, friends and guardians to participate in a trust that supplements the care, support and treatment of persons with impairments, passed the House this week with a vote of 91-0.

House Bill 307 would allow the Academy at Western Ken-

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tucky University for high school juniors and seniors to award diplomas and secure funding. The bill was also passed on the House floor this week by a vote of 93-0.

The House of Representatives gained two new members this week as a result of special elections. Former attorney general and Democratic House majority leader Greg Stumbo will represent the 95th House District which covers most of Floyd

County. Will Coursey, a banker, will represent the 6th House District seat in western Kentucky. "House Democrats look forward to working with these two new members," said Rep. Stacy.

"Responding to news from the United States' Department of Energy that the Bush administration might drop its support for FutureGen, a \$1.5 billion coal-fired power plant located in southern Illinois designed to

store CO2 emissions underground, I announced on the House floor that I urged Gov. Steve Beshear to use House Bill 1, energy legislation passed in the previous special session, to attract some of the spin-off projects from FutureGen to Kentucky," said Rep. Adkins. The governor agreed and is creating a consortium of experts to pursue this endeavor.

If you need to contact Rep. Adkins or Rep. Stacy to discuss

issues or legislation of interest to you please leave a message for them in Frankfort by calling the legislative toll-free Message Line at 800-372-7181, and you can check the status of legislation this session by calling the Bill Status Line toll-free at 866-301-9004. You can also reach them or any other state legislator through the Legislative Research Commission's website at www.lrc.state.ky.us.

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